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PREFACE

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One of the most vital questions confronting us to-day is that of religious instruction. The simple teaching of other days will no longer serve the needs of the present time. The complexity of modern life and the spread of human knowledge call for deeper and broader acquaintance with the divine truths of Faith. Education has progressed and expanded to meet the growing needs of society. New methods and systems have been invented to make secular teaching more effective. This naturally calls for more effective religious teaching. If our people are to withstand the distractions and temptations of modern life they must be so trained in the knowledge and practice of the Faith that religion will pervade their life and all its activities. Too often religious instruction has been reduced to a cold form of intellectualism. It has been directed to the memory and intellect alone. But this form of teaching has failed deplorably. Religion is more than a work of the intellect. It is, as it were, a new form given to the

soul. Religion must lead to newness of life; it must make us new men; it must pervade the whole man.

This volume, I believe, presages a new era in the teaching of religion. Built upon the solid principles of pedagogy, it possesses a charm and simplicity that surprise us. With this volume in hand the teacher of religion can lead the little ones joyfully to God. Here definitions, difficult terminology, and memorizing have been discarded. The author bases his system upon child intuition and the natural religion implanted in the heart of the child at creation. Here the child is taught to think and to express his thoughts. This is the soul of teaching. The teacher enters into the child's own plane of experience, and gently leads the child in its own progression of thought to the great truths of religion. She engages the children in conversation, and by adroit questions and suggestions she directs their thought to both the teaching and the practice of religion.

We marvel at the wealth of detail at which the author has been able to arrive. But children love detail; their interests lie in concrete things; their ideas are simple and direct. The method here followed seems to draw the truth from the

soul of the child and then weave it into his little life. The work reveals an intimate knowledge of child life on the part of the author.

In this volume the divine truths of Faith are reduced to their native simplicity. At every page we feel the tenderness and warmth of divine love. Here religion becomes for us an expression of divine love. Establishing God in the mind and heart of the child as our loving Heavenly Father, the author makes every truth show forth God's love and bounty.

While the volume is intended for the first elementary course, it enters into the very essence of religious knowledge and practice. Even the treatment of divine grace is developed in all its fullness.

I feel that this volume will prove a godsend to many. It should make the teaching of religion a joy and a consolation to many. With all my heart I pray that God may bless this work, which is patently a labor of love, and I implore Him to bestow upon it the success which it so richly deserves.

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INTRODUCTION

"SUFFER the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God."[1] Little children are naturally good and religious. They have an inborn instinct for religion and the things of God. They love to learn of God and His love and bounty for us.

The children are the lambs of God's flock. With our divine Lord as with us they are the objects of tenderest love. Their innocence and simplicity appeal to our hearts. All easily they win our love and affection.

It is a joy to be with the little ones, to love them and be loved by them. Happy are the homes which God has blessed with a chattering flock of little ones. There is no earthly joy that can compare with the joy of fatherhood and motherhood.

Parents are co-creators with God. Those three in conjunction — God, father, and mother — bring the little ones into the world. God then commits them to the care of parents; it is their portion to feed and clothe them and to love them and raise

[1] St. Mark, 10, 14.

them up to lives of virtue and honor. It is theirs to teach them the sublime truths of Faith, teach them to know, love, and serve God.

At its parent's knee the little one first learns to lisp the sacred name of its Creator. From its parents it learns the blessings that God's love has brought to us. From their words and their lives it learns the first great truths and practices of religion. This is the Heaven-given mission of parents.

They are privileged to prepare the immortal souls of their little ones for eternity. For all eternity their children will be truly theirs. For all eternity their children will bless them and call them father, mother. Their work of instilling religion into those tender hearts is a divine work. It is a work of leading them to eternal love.

We who are called to teach religion enjoy a precious privilege; we are permitted to help in the sublime work of leading little ones to God. We are privileged to nourish the love of God in their young hearts.

Of all the work that God allows man to perform in His name, none is more sacred, more sublime, than that of teaching children the divine truths of Faith; it is truly the work of God; it is a divine mission.

Our model is Christ bending down in love to embrace the little ones. How eagerly the little ones must have gone to Him! Instinctively they knew where to find sincere love and sympathy; they are always attracted by humility and meekness. If we are to lead the little ones to God we must train our hearts in humility and love; we must be kind and forbearing; we must consecrate ourselves to them.

The sublime truths of our holy Faith were given for simple hearts; they were intended to be the joy and the consolation of poor human nature marred by sin. For this reason they are simple and easy. God did not give us a Faith fashioned for the great and the learned alone. He gave us a Faith that is suited to the humblest and the lowliest as well as to the greatest and most learned.

The humble and the lowly followed our divine Lord far out into the desert to hear the simple truths of our holy Faith. For days they went with Him, eagerly listening to His teaching, forgetful of their very bodily necessities.

Now He has sent us to teach these selfsame truths to the little ones; He has sent us to care for the tender lambs of His flock. With joy and gladness we take the little ones by the hand and lead them to God. First we teach them that

God is our Heavenly Father; God sends us into the world; God gives us life; God provides us with all that we need upon earth; God loves us; we are God's children.

Leading the little ones through the wonders of God's creation, we point out to them the evidences of God's love and benevolence. All nature, the heavens and the earth, must speak to the child of God. "The heavens show forth the glory of God, and the firmament declareth the work of His hands." [1]

By easy stages, the child arrives at a knowledge of God's attributes. Long before he knows how to define divine Providence, he will know and appreciate it. Just so the little tots know and feel love before they know the term that expresses it.

It is not enough to put the truth into the child's memory and intellect. It must come into his heart and into his everyday life. Hence we weave the divine truths of Faith into the child's life; we lead him to practice the Faith as he learns its truths; we direct him in the application of the truths to his life.

We draw the truth from the heart of the child, as it were. That is, we lead him naturally to know the truth. We direct his little mind in its

[1] Psalms 18, 2.

search for truth. By well-chosen questions, we keep his budding intellect busily at work. Thus he learns to think, to dwell upon the great truths of Faith.

Any normal child six years of age can learn the truths of Faith. There are indeed terms such as Trinity, Sacrament, Commandment, the names of Sacraments and the like that are difficult. Yet the child learns these readily enough if he first learns that which they represent. It is thus he learned many proper names in his early childhood. He first became acquainted with the persons; then gradually their names became familiar to him.

We begin with the Lord's Prayer. The child of six that comes from a Christian home has already been saying his prayers for two or three years at least. Hence it is time that he should realize the meaning of prayer. Furthermore, the Lord's Prayer furnishes a splendid starting point for the teaching of religion. The child's life has been all home life; he is filled with experiences of home. Hence it is easy to lead him through those experiences to a knowledge of God's divine Providence. God must first be established as Father in the mind and heart of the child. All else that the child learns about religion must hinge around this fundamental truth.

To teach the child, we lead him gradually, by little steps as it were, to the individual truths. We give him indeed clearly defined truths by a natural progression of thought. Then we exercise his little mind in the knowledge of these truths; we teach him to recognize them from every possible angle; we teach him to apply them to every action of life.

As we proceed, we continue the application of truths that have been learned previously. The child's knowledge must grow as a snowball grows in the rolling; he must retain always what he has learned before.

Indeed, we enter into many details. But the child's mind needs a multitude of details. These details are for the mind what the little life cells are for the body. We can not be too minute in giving details.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE OF MANUAL

THIS manual is intended to furnish detailed matter for every lesson in the first course of religion. The teacher should have the manual at hand during the lesson. However, she should familiarize herself with the matter beforehand.

The four or five truths given at the beginning of each lesson form the framework of the course; they are the truths to which the little ones are to be led. The children should know and understand these definite truths at the end of the lesson. The teacher leads the children to a knowledge of them. They are not to be memorized at the beginning of the lesson.

It is not always necessary to ask all the questions that are herein contained. The children will forestall many of them. The questions are multiplied here so as to meet every requirement. When the child fails to answer a question there is generally another following that will suggest the answer further. It might be well to take the children through the whole course two or three

times. In any case, there should be reviews from the beginning every few days.

Needless to say, the teacher should prepare well each lesson before going to class. Otherwise she will not do justice to herself or to the children.

Begin each lesson with a little prayer. A prayer to the guardian angel would seem very appropriate. The following prayer is taken from "The Child's Prayer Book" of the author: "My dear guardian angel, watch over me to-day. Put good thoughts into my mind. Whisper to my heart and tell me always that God sees me; tell me always to be good. Dear angel, you are so good to watch over me; I love you. Amen."

In questioning the children, first propose the questions to all together. Then when you have arrived at the truth which you wish to convey, ask the individual child. Question the individual also in repetition. Make sure that the individual child is getting the truth. Concert work sometimes encourages laggards. Some children may simply follow the expression of the class. Hence the teacher should work mainly with the individual child.

From the beginning train the children to give complete answers to your questions. Thus to: "Who made you?" The answer should be: "God

made me," and not merely: "God." It will require but a few days' patient work to train the children in this form of response.

The companion text *Religion, First Course.* The test questions at the end of each lesson in the manual refer to the truths given in the text used by the children. After following the lesson from the manual the children will readily answer these questions.

The companion text to this volume is richly illustrated.[1] The pictures are intended to make the children reflect upon the matter treated in the corresponding lesson of this manual. The teacher should ask the children to tell her about the pictures. The comments of the children will be a test of the progress they are making.

Thus, in a home scene, the children will be led to speak of God's love for us; the picture should remind them of our Heavenly Father. Trees, plants, animals, and the like should bring forth some statement from them to show that they are thinking of God's providence.

They will soon learn to talk freely about the pictures contained in this book; this should aid them to think more about God's love.

[1] See Appendix for picture study.

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INTRODUCTORY LESSON

The Lord's Prayer

Now, children, let me see you bless yourselves — make the sign of the cross.

Now, I would like to hear you say the Our Father.

God is Our Father

Tell me about your father. What does your father do for you? Who keeps your home? Who earns money to buy what you eat and wear? Why does your father want you to be good? Why do you like to mind your father?

Yes, children, I know how good your father is. He works to keep you and take care of you. Why does your father work for you? Why does he love you so much? Why do you like to talk to your father? *Now ask one of them to say the Our Father.*

Who is our Father in heaven? *If he hesitates, ask another to say the Our Father. When he has said "Our Father, who art in heaven," interrupt him:* Who is our Father in heaven? What is God to us? When do you talk with our Father in heaven?

Let me hear you talk with God. *Here the child should say the Lord's Prayer. If he hesitates, have him say the Our Father.* With whom were you talking then? When do you call God "our Father"? *Then have one proceed with the prayer, afterward:* Who was listening to you while you were praying?

Yes, children, God hears you when you pray to Him. He is our Heavenly Father. He likes to listen to you. How often do you talk with God? With whom do you talk every morning? With whom do you talk every evening? How often can you talk with God?

So you have a father at home and a Father in heaven. Tell me again about your father at home. What does he do for you? Why does your father do all that for you? Why does he love you? Why are you happy to have a father? Who is our Father in heaven? What does God do for us?

Who gave you your father and mother? Why did God give you your father and mother? Who gave you your brothers and sisters? Who gave us

the world to live in? Who is our Heavenly Father? How many of us are God's children?

Yes, we are all God's children. That is why we are all like brothers and sisters. We all belong to God's family. Why are we all really like brothers and sisters? Why do we all love one another? Why does God want us to love one another? Who takes care of us all?

Then God has a big family. Who belong to God's family? Who are God's children? How many of us can talk with God? When do we talk with God?

Tell me some of the people that belong to God. *Have them mention some of those whom they know and love. It will make them realize God's fatherhood.* To whom do you belong? To whom do your father and mother belong? To whom do your brothers and sisters belong? Who takes care of them all? Whose Father is God, then?

Yes, children, God is our Heavenly Father. He loves us very much. Why would you like to see our Heavenly Father? When will you see our Heavenly Father? What kind of people go to heaven? When will you be with God? Where will you be with the angels? Where will you be very happy?

Yes, children, we will be very happy in heaven.

We will have all that is good. We will live forever. Nobody dies in heaven.

Tell me now, children, about our Heavenly Father. Who are God's children? Who gave you father and mother, brothers and sisters? How do we get everything to live with? When do you talk with God? *Here another might be asked to say the Our Father. Then turn their attention again to their homes.*

You told me how your father at home takes care of you. Your father and your mother love you very much. God gave them to you. Why do your father and mother want you to be good? Why do they tell you what you should do? Why do they tell you what you should not do?

Your father and mother are glad when you are good. Of course, children, I know you try to obey your father and mother; for I know you want to be good.

Who is our Heavenly Father? What kind of children does God want you to be? Why does God want you to be good? Where does God want you to go when you die?

How many of us does God want to go to heaven? What do you have to do to get to heaven? Who knows when you are good? Why is God pleased when you are good?

When does God see you? Who sees you all the time? Who can see you in the dark? Why does God watch over you all the time? Why does God want you to be good? Who knows what you are doing all the time? Who knows what you are thinking about?

God loves you very much. Day and night He watches over you to make you good. He wants you all to be with Him in heaven at last. Why do you love God? Why is God so good to you? Why are you glad that God watches over you all the time?

Yes, I know you all love God. You all wish to do what God wants you to do. Your father and mother tell you what you should do. *Here ask another to say the Our Father. Interrupt him when he has said "give us this day our daily bread."* What did you ask God for then? You asked God to give us our daily bread. Do you know what that means? It means that we want God to give us all that we need. You know God likes to have us ask Him for what we need.

Why does God give us what we need? What does God give you? Whom did God give you to take care of you? Who gave you your father and mother? Where do you get things to live

on? Who makes everything grow out of the ground? Who gave us the animals?

Yes, God is very good to us; He loves us all. Why does God want to keep you good all the time? Why does God want to keep you away from everything bad? When will God forgive people that are bad? What will God do for them if they try to be good again? What do they have to promise if they want God to forgive them? What will God do if they promise to try to be good all the time? When do you ask God to forgive you?

If they tell you, it is well. Otherwise ask some one to say the Our Father. When he says "forgive us," ask him what he says.

Why is God always ready to forgive you? How many of us does God love?

Then have the child complete the prayer, beginning it again.

Now, children, tell me all that you know about God. Tell me about yourself and God.

Try them to see how much they have assimilated of the matter. Lead them on from point to point.

With whom do you talk when you pray? Who are God's children? What can you tell me about our Heavenly Father? What does He do for us? What does He want you to do?

What can you do to please God? What does God want to keep you from? What will God do for bad people? When will He forgive them? What does God know about us? Tell me about God's love. How many of us does God love? Who loves God? When will God listen to us?

Now, children, of course you go to church often. Do you know whose house the church is? It is God's house. Whom do you visit when you go to church? When do you visit God? With whom do you talk in church?

Why do you like to behave well in church? Whose house are you in? Why do you go to church? When do you visit God? Why does God like to see you coming to His house? Why does it show that we love God when we go to church?

Now, children, tell me all about God's house. Tell me what you do when you go there. Tell me why you go there.

Very well; of course you will think of your Heavenly Father often now. When you say your prayers you will think how good our Heavenly Father is. I am sure you are happy to know how God loves you. And God will bless you because you love Him. Now we will all talk with God. We will ask Him to watch over us.

Kneel and say the Our Father with them.

FIRST LESSON

God is Our Father

God made me.
God made all the people in the world.
God loves us all.
I love God above all things.

Children, you told me the last time many things about our Heavenly Father. I would like to hear them again. Tell me now about our Heavenly Father.

What does our Heavenly Father do for us? Why does He love us? When does He listen to us? When do you talk with our Heavenly Father?

These and other questions from the previous lesson will lead them to tell you what they have learned. They must retain what they have learned before, else they will have learned in vain. This practice should be followed, as far as possible, all through the course. As you proceed, naturally the review of the whole preceding matter will enter less into detail.

Well, children, of course you just came from home. Tell me about your family. Who gave

you to your father and mother? How big were you then?

Do not be confused if some child mentions the story of the doctor or the stork or others. Say:

So that is the way God sent you to your father and mother.

So, then, you come from God. Just think how wonderful that is. God sends all little babies to their father and mother. Where did God get you? Who made you?

Tell me now, children, about yourselves. Who sent you into this world? Where did you come from? Where did your father and mother get you? Who gave you to your father and mother? Who made you? Why do you think God gave you to your father and mother? Whom did God give you to take care of you? What did your father and mother do for you when you were a baby? Who washed your face for you then? Who put on your little clothes?

Induce the little ones to tell you many things that their parents did for them and do for them now. Then:

Just think how good God is to give you a father and mother to take care of you like that. I am sure you will often thank God for that. Tell me again how you happen to be in this world.

Where did you come from? What could you do when you were a little baby? What did your parents do for you? What shows how good God is?

When you are sure that they have grasped this truth, pass to the next. Repeat until you are convinced that they realize the truth. Follow this method throughout the course.

Well, children, you told me about yourselves. Tell me about your brothers and sisters and other people. Where did your brothers and sisters come from? Who gave them to your father and mother? And where did your father and mother come from?

Where do all the other people come from? Where did God get them? How many people did God make? How many people were babies once? Who gave them all to their fathers and mothers? How many people come from God? Where do all the people in the world come from? Why do we all belong to God?

How many people does God take care of? What do we call God because He is so good to us? Who is really our Heavenly Father? When do you thank God for being so good to you? Whom do you thank when you say your prayers?

What can you thank God for? Who gave you

your father and mother? Whom do you thank for that? Who sent you into this beautiful world?

What kind of people pray to God? What can bad people ask God to do? When will God forgive them? What kind of children does God want you to be?

You told me, children, that your father and mother take care of you. You told me how much they do for you. Why do they do all that for you? Why do they love you? What kind of children do they want you to be? Who tell you what to do to be good? Who wants them to do that?

You told me that God wants you to be good. You told me also that good people go to heaven. And you told me that God wants you to go to heaven. Now, why do you think God wants you to go to heaven? How many of you does God love? Why, then, does God want you in heaven?

Yes, God loves us all. He made us all and takes care of us. How does God show that He loves us? What did God do for us? Whom did He give us to take care of us? How does God show that He loves bad people? What is He ready to do for them?

Yes, children, God is so good that we can

never know how good He is. He made us so that He could love us. How many people does God love? How many people does God want you to love? Why does God want you to love all the people in the world? Whose children are they?

What does it show when you are kind to others? How can you show that you love bad people? When can you be kind to bad people? When can you pray for them? What does it show when you pray for them?

Yes, God loves us. So He wants us to love one another. We love people when we are kind to them and when we pray for them. That pleases our Heavenly Father.

Children, I was glad when you told me how much you love your father and mother. Who gave you your father and mother? Who gave you your brothers and sisters?

Tell me some of the things you like to have. Who gave you all the good things of the world? Where does everything good come from? Who does more for you than everybody in the world? Whom do you love best, then? Why do you love God better than everything else? Of course, I know, children, you love God better than anything in the world. How good God is to let us love Him!

How can you show that you love God? What does it show when you are good? What does it show when you pray? Why do you go to church? Who wants you to mind your father and mother? What does it show when you mind your father and mother? Whom does God love? Why are you kind to everybody?

Yes, that is the way to show that you love God. You do all that God wants you to do. You try to be good all the time so that when you die you will be with God forever.

How do you happen to be in the world? Who gave you to your father and mother? Where do all the people come from? How many of us does God love? What shows how much God loves us?

What does God do for us? When do you thank God? Whom do you love better than anything in the world? Why do you love God best of all? How do you show that you love God?

How happy we are, children, because God loves us and lets us love Him. God is our Heavenly Father. We will kneel and thank Him for being so good and loving to us. "Our Father," etc.

TEST QUESTIONS: 1. Who made you? 2. How many people did God make? 3. How many of us does God love? 4. How much do you love God? (See text First Course.)

SECOND LESSON

God Takes Care of Us

God made the animals.
God made the plants.
God made the earth.
God made the sun.

Children, you told me about our Heavenly Father. You told me where all the people in the world come from. What does God do for us all? What do we do for God? Who loves us all? Whom do we love best? Whom do we thank every day?

Tell me about your pets. What kind of pets do you like? A dog? kitten? rabbits? What do the little birds do? What are horses good for? What are cows good for? What do chickens give us?

So the animals are good for us. We use them for many things. Can you tell me where the animals come from? Who made the animals? Why did God make the animals? How do they help us?

So that is why God gives us the animals. He wants us to have meat and milk and butter and eggs and everything like that. What does that show about God? How does that show that God loves us?

Yes, and God wants us to have the animals to help make us happy. What can you do with horses? Why do the little birds sing? How do they make us happy? Who taught the little birds to sing? Why did God teach them to sing? Why did God make them so beautiful? Why does it make us happy when we see them? Why does God do all these things for us? What shows that God wants to make us happy?

Now, children, tell me something about the animals. What are the animals good for? Where do we get meat? Where do we get milk and butter and eggs? Where do the animals come from?

Just see how much God loves us, children! He gave us the animals to help us live. God is our Heavenly Father.

Why do you like the flowers? Tell me about them. What kind of flowers do you like best? Where do the flowers grow? Who makes the flowers grow? Why does God make the flowers grow? Why do the flowers make us happy?

Yes, God made the pretty flowers. He made the roses and the lilies and all the beautiful flowers that we love. God knew that these nice flowers would please us. If the flowers would speak, what do you think they would say? What would they tell us about God? What would they tell us about God's love?

But there are many other things that grow in the ground. There are trees and plants, and then there is the nice green grass. Who makes these grow? What does God make grow? How do we get apples and peaches and plums and cherries and everything like that? How does God give them to us?

How do we get potatoes and tomatoes and beans and peas and anything like that? What grows in the garden? Who makes them grow?

Just see again how much God loves us. God is so wonderful and so good. He gives us everything that we need and He gives us so many things to make us happy. What should we do for all this? How many things should you thank God for?

Now, if somebody asked you how you know that God loves us, what would you tell him? How could you show him how good God is to us? Tell me some of the good things our Heavenly

Father has given us. Tell me about the animals, the birds, the flowers, the trees, the plants, the grass.

You can often make a good impression on the children by a concrete example. Take an apple, an orange, or a flower in your hand and ask the children what they can tell you about it. It should suggest God's bounty to them. If necessary, ask where it came from, and what it shows about God. The same effect may be produced by pointing to a tree or grass or a bird and asking them to tell you what they know about it. Thus they learn to apply the knowledge they have acquired.

Well, children, you told me about the animals and the plants and flowers. Tell me, now, where do the plants grow? What grows in the earth? What did you ever plant? What makes the grass grow out of the earth?

How many things live on the earth? Where do the animals live? What do we get out of the earth? Where do the things we eat come from? Where did the earth come from? Why did God make the earth? Who made the earth for us to live on?

Just think how wonderful it is! We get so many things out of the earth. God made this wonderful place for us to live in. See how good God is. Now, I like to hear you tell the wonderful

things that God has done. Tell me about the earth.

What do we get out of the earth? How does there happen to be an earth? How can the animals live? What does the earth show about God? Why did God make the earth? What does that show? What shows that God loves us?

See how our Heavenly Father loves us. He made this earth for us to live on and filled it with good things.

What makes it light in the daytime? What makes it dark at night? What can you tell me about the sun? What gives us heat?

The sun is wonderful. It is very big and it is very far away from us. The sun is thousands of times bigger than the earth. It looks small because it is so far away from us. It is millions and millions of miles away from us.

Do you know what the sun does for us? Yes, it gives us light and heat. But, do you know, nothing could grow on the earth without the sun. If we didn't have the sun we wouldn't have any trees, or plants, or flowers.

Why could we not live without the sun? Why would nothing grow? Why could we not see without the sun? Why would we freeze to death without the sun?

Where did the sun come from? Why did God make the sun? Why did God make it for us? What does that show about God? Why is God always doing something good for us?

When you look at the sun now, what will it make you think about God? Why will the sun make you think of how good God is? What good does the sun do us?

Why do you like the sunrise in the morning? Who makes the sunrise so beautiful? Why did God make the sunrise so beautiful? Why does He want to make us happy? Why do you like the sunset, too? What does it make you think of?

Just think of all the wonderful things God does, children. And He does so many, many wonderful things for us. It shows how great and good God is.

What can you tell me now about the sun? How does it happen to be there in the sky? Why did God make the sun? How does the sun show that our Heavenly Father loves us?

Now, children, I would like to hear you talk about the animals, the plants, the earth, and the sun. What can you tell me about the animals? What can you tell me about the plants? What can you tell me about the earth? What can you tell me about the sun?

That is fine, children. You know many wonderful things about God. You know how beautiful are all the things that God has made. I am sure all these things will make you think about God every day. I know you are happy to know how good God is to us.

TEST QUESTIONS: 1. Who made the animals? 2. Who made the plants? 3. Who made the earth? 4. Who made the sun?

THIRD LESSON

God is the Maker of All Things

God made the moon.
God made the stars.
God made the seas.
God made the fishes.

Well, children, the last time you were here you told me many nice things about the animals, and the plants, and the earth, and the sun. What shows how our Heavenly Father loves us?

What good do we get from the animals? Tell me some of the things that help make us happy. Tell me how the plants grow. Whose children are we all? Why do we all love one another? Whom does God love?

Children, why do you like to look at the sky in the night? What beautiful things do you see there? What does the moon do for us? Which gives more light — the moon or the sun? Why do we not need so much light in the night as we need in the day?

Of course, at night we sleep. But you see how beautiful the moon is. And it is very big, too,

but not so big as the earth. Where do you think the moon came from? Why did God make the moon? Who makes the moon move about? Who keeps the moon up there in the sky?

Just think how wonderful the moon is. It is traveling around in the sky all the time. But it always goes the same way. It goes around once every month. See how great and good God is!

If some one asked you now about the moon, what would you tell him? And if he didn't know how the moon happened to be up there in the sky, what would you tell him? When you look at the moon, what does it make you think about God?

Why does it make you think how great and good God is? How does the moon show that God loves us? Why does God want to give us some light at night? God is our Heavenly Father. Just think how good He is to us! Who made the moonlight so beautiful? Why do you like to look at the moonlight? Why does it make you happy? Why does God want to make us happy?

Why can you not count the stars? How many stars do you think there are? Who do you think knows how many stars there are? Where did the stars come from? Why did God make the stars? Why do the stars make you happy?

There are millions and millions of stars. Nobody has ever been able to count them all. You know the sky is very big. You could travel billions and billions of miles and never come to the end of it.

Where did the sky come from? Who made the sky? Who put the stars in the sky? Where do the millions and millions of stars come from? What do the stars make you think about? Why do the stars make you think about God? Who keeps the stars up there? What does that show about God? How does that show how wonderful God is?

That is fine, children. Now tell me again all that you know about the moon and the stars. Tell me about the sky; what do these things make you think about?

Here you would have the children realize the blessings of water. It would be especially striking to take a glass of water and ask the children to tell you all that they know about it. Ask:

What is water good for?

Here the children will readily think of many things about water. It is good to drink, to wash with, to go swimming in, to boat-ride on the lake.

Just think how much water there is in the world! There are great oceans all around the world. In

some places these oceans are many miles deep. Then there are rivers and lakes in all parts of the world. Where do big ships go? What are ships good for? Who made the ocean?

These big ships travel thousands and thousands of miles on the ocean. Some of them are big enough to hold several thousand people.

Why do you like to ride in a boat? Where does the ocean come from? Where do the rivers and lakes come from? Why did God give us all the water in the world? What is water good for? What does that show about God? How does that show that God loves us?

Why do you like to see it raining? What does the rain do for the grass? What makes the grass nice and green? What does the rain do for the plants and flowers? Who makes it rain? What does that show about God? How does the rain show that God loves us? Why could we not live where it never rained?

You might tell them the story of Sahara.

No, children, people can't live in places where it never rains. Did you ever hear about the great deserts? The biggest desert in the world is called the Sahara. It is hundreds and hundreds of miles long and it is very wide. It is all sand and dust. There is little water on it. People

find it hard to live on it. Hardly anything grows on the desert. There are no trees, no plants, no flowers, and no grass, except in the oases that God has made as resting places for people who have to cross the desert.

When people want to cross the desert they have to take water with them. Do you know how they travel? They travel on camels; for no horses can go there. And there are no roads where automobiles can go. Do you know how the camels get water? God made them so that they can carry water enough to do them for a long time. So you see how God takes care of the people that have to cross the desert.

Now, children, tell me about the water. Tell me all that it is good for. Tell me about the ocean and the rivers and lakes. Tell me some of the things you can thank God for.

How does God help people cross the desert? What shows that God loves everybody in the world? What kind of people thank God every day? What do you say when any one gives you a drink of water? Why do you say "thank you"?

Why do you try to be kind to everybody? Who wants us to thank everybody that does something for us? Tell me some of the times you can say "thank you" — at home, at school, at table,

on the street. Why does God want us to be kind to everybody? To whom does everybody belong? Whose children are we all?

What can you tell me about the fishes? How do people catch fish? How do the fishes go through the water? What are fishes good for? What kind of fish do you know that live in the ocean? Where do the fishes come from? Why did God make the fishes? For what do we use them? Who made the fishes so that they can live under water all the time? It shows how wonderful God is. He knows how to make things just as they ought to be.

Tell me now about the wonderful things that are in the sky. What do you know about the sun, the moon, the stars? Tell me about the ocean and what good it does us. Whom must we thank for all the good things we have in this world? How often will God let us thank Him?

TEST QUESTIONS: 1. Who made the moon? 2. Who made the stars? 3. Who made the seas? 4. Who made the fishes?

FOURTH LESSON

God is Wonderful

God sees all things.
God knows all things.
God can do all things.
God is everywhere.

Well, children, you look bright and happy to-day. I am sure you have been thinking of how good God is to us. Tell me some of the fine things you know about God. Tell me what makes you think of how good God is.

Why do you like to talk about God? What do you say about God? When does God see us all? Who sees all that we do? Why can God see you in the night, too?

Why can God see all the people in the world? Who sees what everybody is doing? Who sees all the animals and all the fishes? How much, then, does God see?

Why does God watch over us all the time? What kind of children does He want you to be? When is God pleased with what you do? Who always sees you when you are kind to others?

How does God know every time you obey your parents? How does God know when you help others? How many people does God see? When does God see all the people in the world?

What does God like to see you doing? What are some of the good things God likes to see you doing? Why does God watch over you? Yes, God is our Heavenly Father. He watches over us to keep us from harm.

Now, children, you told me that God sees all things. God is wonderful. What does God know about you? How many of your names does God know? Who knows what we are all doing now? Who knows all that we did yesterday?

Who knows all that you ever did in your whole life? Who knows every time you are kind to others? Who knows every time you were very good? What other good things does God know about you? Who always knows when anybody is bad? What will God do for bad people, if they are sorry? What do they have to promise?

Who knows what is going to happen to-morrow? Who knows what is going to happen next week? Next month? Next year? Who knows everything that is ever going to happen? How much, then, does God know? See how great and good God is. He is a wise and loving Father to us.

He rules the whole world. Tell me now what God knows. What does God know about you? What is going to happen that God knows? What does God know about you that pleases Him?

Children, you told me many wonderful things that God has done. What did God do for you? How do you happen to be in the world? Where did the world come from?

Where did the sun, and the moon, and the stars come from? Who gave us things to live with? Where do the animals and the plants come from? How much do you think God can do?

Yes, God can do all things. God is great and good and holy. God is our Heavenly Father. Who takes care of us in this world? What will God do for us when we die? When will God take us to heaven? What do we have to do if we want God to take us to heaven?

How much can God do? What can you see that God has made? Who made the earth? Who made the sun and the moon and the stars? Who made the animals and the trees and the plants? Who made all the people in the world?

Well, children, you told me how great and good God is. Tell me, now: Who belong to God's family? Why are we all like brothers and sisters? Why do we all love one another?

How many people does God watch over? When is God with us? How do you think God can watch over all the people in the world? Where is God?

Yes, God is everywhere. God is in heaven. When we go to heaven we can see God there. The angels and the people that are in heaven now see God all the time. God is on the earth and everywhere. Isn't it wonderful that God can be everywhere! That shows how great and wonderful God is.

Now, if some one should ask you where God is, what would you tell him? But if he should say that you can't see God, what would you say? Could you tell him where we will see God? Who sees God now? When do you hope to see God?

Of course, we can't see God on earth. Our eyes are not able to see God. They are not made to see God. We can't even see the angels with our eyes. But we will be able to see God and the angels in heaven. We will be able to see more then than we see now.

When is God with us? Where is God in the night? Where is God when we are sick? Why does God send somebody to take care of us when we are sick?

Who is pleased if we keep from complaining

when we are sick? Who is with us when we are sad? Why does God send somebody to help poor people? Who knows best what is good for us?

Why do we always thank God? How does God help sick people? Why do sick people thank God? How does God help poor people? Why do poor people thank God? Where will everybody be happy?

Yes, children, God lets people be sick and sad and poor sometimes. He wants us to show that we love them. He wants us to help them for Him. Then, too, you know God wants us to think of heaven. We are not going to be in this world forever. But we will be in heaven forever.

TEST QUESTIONS: 1. What does God see? 2. What does God know? 3. What can God do? 4. Where is God?

FIFTH LESSON

The Blessed Trinity

There is but one God.
There are three persons in God.
The Father is the First Person.
The Son is the Second Person.
The Holy Ghost is the Third Person.

Well, children, you have told me many wonderful things about God. You have told me how great and good God is. Tell me again some of those nice things.

What did God do for you? How does God show that He loves you? Who gave you this beautiful world to live in? What shows that God is our Heavenly Father? What does God do to make you happy? How long will God love you? What will happen after you die?

Oh, that is fine, children. Indeed you know many, many things about God. But there are many, many more wonderful things to know about God. You can keep on learning good things about God all your life.

How long do you think God has been God? God has been God always. God was always God just as He is now.

How long did God live before the world was made? How long do you think God has been just as He is now? How long do you think God will be God?

Yes, children, God is wonderful. We are going to learn many more good things about God. We are going to learn more about how God loves us.

Tell me something about your father and mother. Tell me some of the things they have told you — things that happened before you were born. What did they ever tell you about the time when they were children? What did they say they used to do? What have they told you about places where you have never been? What have they told you about people whom you have never seen? Why do your father and mother love you so much? Why do they tell you these things?

Well, children, God has done the same for us. You know God has told us many things about Himself. He has told us things that we could never know if He hadn't told us. He has told us about Himself and about heaven and about the angels.

How do you think God did that? I will tell you. God spoke to some people. Of course, they were very holy men. Do you know what they are called? They are called patriarchs and prophets.

Now, how do you know many things about God? Who tells us many things about God? How do we know about the angels? To whom did God speak? Who spoke to the patriarchs? Who spoke to the prophets?

Yes, God spoke to the patriarchs and the prophets. Sometimes God sent angels to tell them what He wanted them to know.

Then our Lord came. Of course, you know our Lord is really God. Our Lord told us more than all the others. Then the Apostles told us many things. Our Lord and the Apostles told us all that God wants us to do. That is what the Catholic Church teaches.

Whom did God send to teach us many things about Himself? Who spoke to the patriarchs and prophets? Who came down from heaven to tell us about God? Who told us more than all the others? Who sent the Apostles to teach us? What Church teaches us all those things now?

And, do you know, children, many of these wonderful things about God and about heaven

and the angels are written in a book. Do you know what that book is called? It is called the Bible. Do you know who wrote the Bible? Well, it was really God who wrote the Bible. For He told some holy men every word He wanted them to write. That is why we call the Bible the word of God.

Now, tell me, children: What book did God write? Whom did God tell to write the Bible? How many of the words in the Bible did God tell them? Why is the Bible called the Word of God? Whose words are in the Bible?

So you said your father and mother told you about things that happened before you were born. Who else told us many things that we couldn't know ourselves? What did God tell us about? Who told us about heaven and the angels?

To whom did God speak? Who spoke to the patriarchs and prophets? Who came from heaven to tell us the most of all? Who sent the Apostles to tell us many things? How do we know all these things now? What Church teaches them to us?

You see, children, how much God loves us. He wants us to know Him so that we can love Him more than ever. You know the pagans used to think that there were many gods. They

believed in false gods. What would you tell a pagan if he told you that? Who is our Heavenly Father?

You know, children, God is not like we are. God is so wonderful that we can never know all about Him. So God has to tell us what He wants us to know about Himself.

Now there are three persons in God. Of course, there is only one God. But there are three persons in God. Do you know who told us this? God told us. How many persons are there in God? Who told us how many persons there are in God? How do you know that there are three persons in God?

Now I will tell you who these three persons in God are. The Father is the First Person. The Son is the Second Person. The Holy Ghost is the Third Person.

Now you tell me who are the three persons in God. Who is the First Person? Who is the Second Person? Who is the Third Person?

Make the sign of the cross (bless yourself). What three persons did you name just now? How many persons are there in God? How do we know about the three persons in God? Who told us about them?

Yes, there are three persons in God. They are

called divine persons. That is because they are really God. What kind of persons are the three persons in God? Why do we call them divine persons? Name the three persons in God.

Who told us many things about God? Who told us that there are three persons in God? Who is the first divine person? Who is the second divine person? Who is the third divine person?

God wants us to know Him better so that we will love Him more. That is why He told us these things. Why did God tell us so many things about Himself? Why does God want us to love Him? Where will we go if we love God? What book did God write? What should we say to God for telling us these things?

TEST QUESTIONS: 1. Is there but one God? 2. How many persons are there in one God? 3. Who is the First Person? 4. Who is the Second Person? 5. Who is the Third Person?

SIXTH LESSON

The Three Divine Persons

The Father has always been God.
The Son has always been God.
The Holy Ghost has always been God.
The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost are one God.
The three persons together are called the Blessed Trinity.

The last time you were here, children, you told me about the three persons in God. How do we know that there are three persons in God? Who told us? What kind of persons are they? Who is the First Person? Who is the Second Person? Who is the Third Person?

To whom did God speak when He told us many things about Himself? Who spoke to the patriarchs and the prophets? In what book did God write many things? How did God write the Bible? Who came to tell us the most about God? Whom did our Lord send to tell us many things about God? What Church teaches us these things now?

Yes, there are three persons in God. They are divine persons. God himself told us. Each per-

son is the same God. The Father is God; the Son is God; the Holy Ghost is God.

Just think how wonderful God is! How many persons are there in God? Who is the First Person? How long has the Father been God? Who is the Second Person? Who is the Third Person?

So now you know about the three divine persons. How did we learn about the three divine persons? What Church did God send to teach us? What can God do? How many persons are there in God? What can God the Father do? What can God the Son do? What can God the Holy Ghost do?

Yes, there is only one God. There are three divine persons in God. Each divine person can do all things; for they are all the same God.

How long has God been just as He is now? How long has God the Father been as He is now? How long has God the Son been as He is now? How long has God the Holy Ghost been as He is now? How long has God been God?

How long has the Father been God? How long has the Son been God? How long has the Holy Ghost been God? How long will God be as He is now? How long will God the Father be as He is now? How long will God the Son be as He

is now? How long will God the Holy Ghost be as He is now?

How long will God be God? How long will the Father be God? How long will the Son be God? How long will the Holy Ghost be God? Yes, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost were always God. They will be God forever.

What did God do for you? Where do you come from? Where do all the people in the world come from? Where did the world come from? Where did the sun and the moon and the stars come from?

Who takes care of all the people in the world? What divine persons are the same God? How much does God know? How much does God the Father know? How much does God the Son know? How much does God the Holy Ghost know?

Yes, God the Father, and God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost do everything for us. The three divine persons know all things; for they are the same God.

Do you know what the three divine persons together are called? They are called the Blessed Trinity. Say that: The three divine persons together are called the Blessed Trinity. Say it again: The Blessed Trinity, the Blessed Trinity.

What are the three divine persons together called? Say it all; the three divine persons together are called the Blessed Trinity. That is right. That means that there are three divine persons in one God.

Who is the first divine person? How long has God the Father been God? What can God the Father do? What does God the Father know?

Who is the second divine person? How long has God the Son been God? How long will God the Son be as He is now? What can God the Son do? What does God the Son know?

Who is the third divine person? How long has the Holy Ghost been God? What can God the Holy Ghost do? What does God the Holy Ghost know? Where is God? Where is God the Father? Where is God the Son? Where is God the Holy Ghost?

Yes, children, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost are the same God. The three divine persons are always with us. The three divine persons watch over us.

How many of us does God love? How many of us does God the Father love? How many of us does God the Son love? How many of us does God the Holy Ghost love?

Yes, that is right. The Father, the Son, and

the Holy Ghost love us all very much. The three divine persons are the same God.

How do we know all these things about the three divine persons? Who told us about the three divine persons? What Church teaches us what God told us about the three divine persons? Who sent the Catholic Church to teach us?

What do we call the three divine persons together? What are the three persons in the Blessed Trinity? What persons do you name when you make the sign of the cross? Make the sign of the cross.

Now you see, children, more than ever how wonderful God is. Whom can we thank for telling us all these wonderful things? You see God wanted us to know more about Him so that we would love Him more than ever.

TEST QUESTIONS: 1. How long has the Father been God? 2. How long has the Son been God? 3. How long has the Holy Ghost been God? 4. What persons are one God? 5. What are the three persons together called?

SEVENTH LESSON

The Angels

God made the angels.
Our guardian angels watch over us.
Our guardian angels are always with us.
Our guardian angels want to make us good.

To-day, children, we are going to talk about the angels. You said that God told us about the angels. Yes, God told us about them. We can read about the angels in the Bible, too. Who wrote the Bible? How did God write the Bible? Who told the holy men the words to write?

Some day you will read about the angels in the Bible. Now, I am sure, we can learn many fine things about the angels. Of course, we can't see the angels with our eyes. You know our eyes are not made to see things like the angels.

When will you be able to see the angels? There are millions and millions of angels. Nobody on earth knows how many millions of angels there are. Who do you think does know? How does God know? How much does God know?

Where do you think the angels come from?

Who made the angels very good and holy? Yes, God made the angels very good and holy. God loves the angels very much. Why do you think God made the angels? Who loves all the holy angels?

The angels are wonderful beings. They are even more wonderful than we are. They are very, very beautiful. They know much more than we can ever know in this world. They never get sick and they never die. They don't have to have eyes to see with as we do. But they can see much more than we can. They don't have to have hands to do things with. But they can do much more than we can. They don't have to have feet to move about with. But they can go millions of miles in a second. Yes, the angels are wonderful. They are more like God than we are. They are spirits. They don't have bodies as we have.

Now, children, I would like to hear you talk about the angels. How do we know about the angels? Who told us about the angels? Where can we read about the angels? Where do the angels come from? Who made the angels?

Who loves all the angels? Why did God make the angels? When will we be able to see the angels? How much do the angels know?

Tell me how wonderful the angels are. How long do they live? How can they see? How can they do things? How fast can they go? Who are the angels like? What kind of beings are the angels? Why are they called spirits?

Just see how wonderful God is when He can make beautiful beings like the angels.

What kind of children does God want you to be? Why did God give you a father and mother? Why does God take so much care of you? Who is our Heavenly Father? When do you thank God for all His goodness to you? What do you thank God for?

Now, I would like to have you tell me about your friends. Why do you like to have your friends with you? Why would you like to have an angel for a friend? Why would you like to have an angel with you all the time? Why would you like to have an angel love you very much?

Of course, you would like to have an angel for a friend and have him with you all the time and have him love you. Now I am going to tell you something that will make you very happy. Every one of you has an angel for a friend. Every one of you has an angel that goes with you all the time. Every one of you has an angel that loves you very much.

Do you know what that angel friend is called? He is called your guardian angel. Who do you think gave you your guardian angel? Why do you think God gave you your guardian angel? Why do you think God wants your guardian angel to watch over you? What does that show about God?

How happy you are, children. Each one of you has an angel for a friend. Each one of you has an angel to watch over you all the time. How many people do you think have guardian angels?

Who gave all the people in the world guardian angels? Who gave your brothers and sisters guardian angels? Who gave your father and mother guardian angels? Who gives little babies guardian angels?

Just think how good God is! He sends an angel to watch over everybody.

When did you get your guardian angel? Who sent you your guardian angel when you were born? Who sends your guardian angel with you every day? Who watches over you when you are asleep? How long will your guardian angel be with you?

What will your guardian angel do when you die? Who will go with you to heaven? When

will you be able to see your guardian angel? How long do you think your guardian angel will love you in heaven? And how long will you love your guardian angel in heaven?

What kind of children does God want you to be? Why does God want you to be good? Why does God want you to go to heaven? How long will God love you in heaven?

What kind of children do you think your guardian angel wants you to be? Why does your guardian angel want you to be good? Why does your guardian angel watch over you all the time? Why does your guardian angel pray for you every day? What do you think your guardian angel asks God to do for you? Why does your guardian angel want you to go to heaven?

You know how happy you feel when you are very good. What angel is happy when you are very good? Who puts good thoughts into your mind?

Yes, your guardian angel puts good thoughts into your mind. He is always trying to keep you very good. And your guardian angel tries to keep you away from everything that is bad. When bad boys and girls come to you he wants you to leave them.

Do you know why your guardian angel does

all this for you? Why does he love you? What do you think your guardian angel likes to see you doing? Why does he like to see you saying your prayers? Why is your guardian angel pleased when you obey your father and mother at once? Why is your guardian angel pleased when you are kind to everybody?

Why do you love your guardian angel? How do you show that you love your guardian angel? When can you pray to him? Who is pleased when you pray to your guardian angel?

What can you ask your guardian angel to do for you? How often can you ask your guardian angel to pray for you? When will your guardian angel pray for you?

Now, children, suppose some one asked you about the angels, what would you tell him? How do there happen to be angels? What kind of beings are they? What can they do without eyes and hands and feet and without a body?

What do some angels do for us? What do we call the angels that watch over us? When do your guardian angels go with you? What do they do when we die?

Why do they want to help us to be good? How long will our guardian angels love us? How can you show that you love your guardian angel?

What will your guardian angel do for you if you ask him? When can you thank God for giving you those dear angels to watch over you?

TEST QUESTIONS: 1. Who made the angels? 2. What angels watch over us? 3. When are our guardian angels with us? 4. What do our guardian angels want to do for us?

EIGHTH LESSON

The Devils

The bad angels are devils.
The bad angels do not love God.
The devils hate us because we love God.
The devils try to make us bad.

Well, little ones, I am glad to see you here. It is always a pleasure to hear you tell so many good things. The last time you were here you told me about the good angels.

Where did the angels come from? Why did God make the angels? What kind of beings are they? What can the angels do? Who loves the angels very much? Whom do the angels love?

Tell me what the angels do for us. What can you tell me about your angel friend? What does your guardian angel do for you? When is your guardian angel with you? Why does your guardian angel stay with you all the time?

How do you show that you love your guardian angel? Why did God give you your guardian

angel? How does that show that God loves you very much?

Of course, you know the angels were all very good and holy when God made them. God wanted them all to be good always. He wanted them to obey Him. But some of them turned against God. They did not want to do what God told them to do. That made them bad, you know. So they couldn't stay with God any longer. They had to go and stay in hell forever. Do you know what these bad angels are called? They are called devils.

Now you see what happened to those angels that wouldn't obey God. What do you think about the bad angels? What should they have done? Why should they have obeyed God?

What happened to the bad angels when they refused to obey God? What are the bad angels called? Where are the devils now? How long will the devils have to stay in hell?

The leader of the bad angels was called Lucifer. The other angels followed him when he turned against God. Lucifer and the other angels were all very beautiful; now they are very ugly. They all loved God very much; now they hate God.

Who was the leader of the bad angels? How did the angels all look at first? How do the bad

angels look now? What changed them into devils?

Why do you think the bad angels turned against God? I will tell you. They were very proud. So they wanted to be as great as God. They even wanted to take God's place. That is the way bad people do. They don't want God to tell them what to do.

Why did the bad angels turn against God? How did they show that they were very proud? How great did they want to be? What kind of people don't want God to tell them what to do? When do people think that they are better than everybody else? What do proud people think? Who makes people good? Whom do you thank for making you good? When can you thank God for making you good?

Just think how awful it was for those bad angels to turn away from God. How long will the bad angels have to stay in hell? Why will they never see God? When do people turn away from God? What do bad people have to do if they want God to forgive them? What will happen if they are very bad until they die? Where will they be then? With whom will they be in hell?

See how good God is. He loves all the people in the world. Why is God so good to everybody?

Who are God's children? Where does God want them all to go when they die? What do we call God when we pray?

Now tell me about the bad angels again. What made the beautiful angels ugly? What made the good angels bad? Why did they refuse to obey God? What happened to them then? How long will they be in hell? Who will be with the devils in hell forever?

You know how God loved those angels before they became bad. Who gave them all the good things that would make them happy? What should those angels have done? Why should they have thanked God? Why should they have loved God always? Why do the bad angels hate God?

The bad angels thought they didn't need God any more. They had so many things that they thought they could get along without God. What do you think made the bad angels so foolish? What did they think when they became proud?

What kind of people are foolish like that sometimes? What kind of people sometimes think they can get along without God? What kind of people think they don't have to pray? What kind of people think they don't have to go to church?

Why do bad people think they don't have to do what God wants them to do? What do proud people think? Who are bad people like when they are proud? What do you think made the bad angels proud? Who made them good and beautiful?

What makes people proud sometimes? What makes them think they are better than others? Whom do good people thank for being good? Why did the bad angels not thank God for being good?

What should the bad angels have done instead of being proud? Why should they have thanked God? When are people sometimes proud of what they know? What kind of people think they know more than everybody else? Whom do good people thank for what they know?

When are some people proud of what they have? Whom do good people thank for what they have? Where do we get everything we have in this world? When do you thank God for all that He has done for you?

What did God do for the angels? What did the bad angels do? What made them turn against God? Why do they not love God now? Why did the bad angels think they didn't need God any more? What were they proud of? When are people sometimes proud like the bad angels?

When the bad angels didn't love God any more, how do you think they talked about God? When do you think the devils take God's name in vain? When do you think they began to curse and swear? Who do you think was the first ever to curse and swear? How did bad people learn to curse and swear? What do the devils show when they curse and swear?

Of course, children, some people don't know how bad it is to curse and swear and to use bad language. They never learned the truth as you did. So we feel sorry for them and pray for them when we know that they curse and swear.

Tell me now what you think about cursing and swearing. Where did it start first? Why do the devils curse and swear? Why do they hate God? How did bad people learn to curse and swear? How do you feel when anybody curses and swears? Why do you want everybody to talk good about God? Why do you love God so much?

Children, you told me that the devils hate God. Why do the devils not want anybody to love God? How do you think the devils feel when they see anybody loving God?

Why are they still jealous of God? Why are they jealous of good people? Why do you think

the devils hate us? Who hate us because we love God?

Yes, you know the devils were good angels once. Then they used to love God and they were very beautiful and very happy. Now they don't love God any more; they hate Him. So they are very ugly and very miserable. They don't want anybody to be happy. That is why they hate us when we love God.

Why don't the devils want anybody to love God? Whom do the devils hate? Why do the devils hate us? What makes the devils miserable? What kind of people are miserable? What kind of people are happy?

Indeed, children, there are some people so bad that they hate others because they are good. They laugh at good people when they make the sign of the cross and say their prayers. They tell them it is foolish to go to church. They even try to get them to do bad things and to curse and swear.

Who do you think makes bad people hate others because they are good? Why do the devils want bad people to hate us? Why do bad people sometimes laugh at us when we say our prayers? Who do you think tells them to do this?

How do you feel for those people that laugh

at us when we try to be good? Why do you feel sorry for them? What can you do for them? How often can you pray for them?

Of course, we don't think that we are better than others, no matter how bad they are. We just think that we are trying to be good. We want everybody to be good and love God. That is why we pray for them.

Who hate us when we try to be good? Why do the devils hate us when we try to be good? Why do they hate God? What do bad people sometimes do to us? Why do they sometimes laugh at us? What do they sometimes try to get us to do?

But, of course, you keep from being ashamed when anybody laughs at you. You try to be good and show that you love God no matter where you are. I know you will always be brave and strong and will never be afraid to try to be good.

Do you know, children, sometimes the people that love God have to suffer very much. Bad people hate them and try to turn them away from God. The pagans hated the early Christians like that. They did not want them to love God and believe in Him. They wanted them to deny our holy Faith. So they were very cruel to them.

They used to kill very many of them because they would not turn away from our holy Church. Sometimes they would cut off their hands and feet. Sometimes they would cut out their tongues. Sometimes they would burn them to death. Sometimes they would throw them to lions and tigers that would tear them to pieces.

But the good Christians were brave and strong. They would not complain no matter what the pagans did to them. They were never afraid. They were very happy even when they were in the most terrible pains. They used to sing and pray when they were being killed.

They were happy to die for loving God. They knew God would take them to heaven where they would be happy forever. They are called martyrs. We pray to them and ask them to pray for us. We ask them to help us to be brave and strong. Do you know the names of any holy martyrs? You know there were thousands and thousands of them. St. Peter was a martyr. St. Paul was a martyr. All the Apostles were martyrs. St. Agnes and St. Cecilia and St. Sebastian were martyrs.

Why do the devils hate us? Why do bad people hate us sometimes? What can you do for these bad people? Whom do you thank for

helping you be good? Why do you keep from thinking that you are better than anybody else? Who makes you good?

When do people turn away from God? When did the bad angels turn away from God? Why do the devils hate God? What kind of people do the devils hate?

Why do the devils try to make you bad? Why do they want you to turn away from God? Why are they jealous of God?

Do you know that the devil even tempted our Lord? Yes, he didn't know that our Lord was really God. So he thought he could get our Lord to follow him. Our Lord had fasted forty days just as good people fast now during Lent. Then the devil asked our Lord to turn stones into bread. He asked our Lord to show what He could do. He even wanted our Lord to adore him. That shows how proud the devil is. But our Lord drove the devil away. That is the way all good people do when the devil tempts them.

Tell me about the bad angels. Whom do the devils hate? Why do they hate us? What do the devils try to do with good people? Why do they want to turn them away from God?

How does the devil try to make good people bad? What kind of thoughts does he put into

their mind? Who helps good people when the devil tries to make them bad? How often will God help them? When do you ask God to help you? Why do you say your prayers every morning and evening?

What shows how much God loves you? When is God always willing to help you? What does your guardian angel do for you? When do you ask your guardian angel to help you drive the devils away? What will your guardian angel do for you when you pray to him?

That is fine, children. I am glad you know about the devils. You will always pray to God to drive them from you. You will pray to your guardian angel, too.

TEST QUESTIONS: 1. What are the bad angels? 2. Whom do the bad angels not love? 3. Why do the devils hate us? 4. What do the devils try to do to us?

NINTH LESSON

Heaven

God made us for heaven.
In heaven we will have all that is good.
Heaven will last forever.
We will see God in heaven.

Well, how are my little friends to-day? Fine, I am sure. I know you are going to tell me many good things. Tell me about your games. What do you like to play best?

What good things do you like best? What makes you happy at home? What do your father and mother do for you? How do your father and mother make you happy? How do your playmates make you happy?

Why do you like the pretty flowers? Why do they make you happy? How do the little birds make you happy? How does the sun make you happy? How does the moon make you happy? How does the whole earth make you happy?

But how long will you be in the world? What

will happen if you live a long time? How many people will die? Yes, children, we will all die some day. If we live until we grow very old, our body will wear out; then we will die. Many people die because they are sick or get hurt before they grow old.

When will we have to leave everything that we have in this world? Why do you think God lets us die? What has God ready for us when we die? Where will God take us when we die? Then, what did God make us for? Whose home is heaven? Where is our Heavenly Father's home? So when we die, where are we really going? When are we going to our real home? What people will go to heaven when they die? Where will the others go? Whose fault is it if they go to hell?

So God does not want us to live forever in this world. He just wants us to live here until we show that we love Him. Then He takes us home to heaven to be with Him forever.

What does that show about God? How does that show that God loves us? What does God want us to do in this world? How do we show that we love God? What do we have to do to show that we love God?

What are some of the things that God wants

us to do? What do you do every day that God wants you to do? Why do you pray every day? What does He want you to do for your father and mother? What does God want you to do on Sundays and Holy Days?

What does God want you to do for everybody in the world? How can you show that you love everybody? What can you do for everybody? What can you do for bad people, too? How does God want you to act toward everybody?

How does God want you to use everything? How does God want you to eat and drink? How does God want you to talk to everybody? What does God want you to do for old people?

Who makes you good? Whom do you thank for making you good? Who puts good thoughts into your mind? Whom did God send to watch over you wherever you go? What do you do for your guardian angel?

See, children, how much God loves you. He wants you to love Him all your life so that you can be with Him in heaven.

Now, if some one asked you why did God make you, what would you tell him? For what did God make you? What do you have to do to get to heaven? Why does God let us die? What has God waiting for us when we die?

When people die, their body is put in the grave. But their soul is still alive. You know our soul never dies. It lives forever. Our soul is the best part of us. It is a spirit like God and the angels. So that after we die we are really alive; for our soul is alive.

Of course, you know our soul is not in our body after we die. But we can know things with our soul. Who else knows everything without a body? What does God know without a body? What do the angels know and see without a body?

So when people die, their soul still lives. Their body alone dies. Of course, we will all have our bodies again at the end of the world.

So, where are good people going when they die? Where will you be very happy? When will we be with all our loved ones forever? What happens when we die? What part of us dies? What can our soul do after our body dies? Whom will we love in heaven?

Just think, children, how many things God has given you here. You have told me about them. It is wonderful to think how good God is. God made the world for us. But He didn't make us for this world. For what did God make us? Where will you be happy forever? When will you be with God? Why will nobody be

hungry or thirsty in heaven? Why will nobody ever be sick there? Why will nobody grow old there? Who will be young and strong and beautiful there? Whom will we have around us? When will we be with our dear ones forever? When will we be with the angels? When will we be with God? When will we be able to see God? When will we see how wonderful and good God is?

Yes, children, it is just grand to think about heaven. We can never, never imagine all the joys God has waiting for us there. God will give us everything that can make us happy. Everything will be millions of times better than the good things we have here. We cannot imagine how wonderful and happy we will be there.

Tell me, now, children, about heaven. What kind of place is heaven? What will we have in heaven? How will we live there? Who will be with us? Whom will we know there? Whom will you love in heaven? Who will love you in heaven?

How long would you like to be happy? How long do you like to have good things? How long do you think heaven will last? How long will we live in heaven?

How long will we be happy there? How long

will our loved ones be with us? How long will we be with God? Who will love us in heaven? How long will they love us?

Isn't that wonderful, children! Just think, in heaven we will be as happy as we can be forever and forever. God will give us all the good things that He can give us and we will have them forever.

Why do you like to think about heaven? What kind of people will God take to heaven? How can people go to heaven when they are dead? What part of them dies? How can they know things after they die?

How long will our soul live? What is our soul? What other spirits do you know? What does God know? Who know more, the angels or we? How long will we be in heaven? Who will be there? Who will love you there? Whom will you love?

Of course, you all said your prayers this morning. To whom were you talking when you said your prayers? What did you call God? Who is really our Heavenly Father? Why do you love God so much?

Just think how great and good God is! How wonderful He is! Why would you like to see our Heavenly Father? When will you be able to see how wonderful God is? Yes, children, in

heaven you will see how wonderful and how great and how good God is. Forever and forever you will be there with God. He will make you very, very happy. How long will you be able to see God in heaven? When will you be able to talk with God in heaven? When will God talk with you?

You will be at home in heaven. All will be love and joy there. God will take you to Himself and keep you there forever. Tell me again all that you told me about heaven. Why did God make you?

What will you have in heaven? How long will heaven last? When will you see God? Tell me what happens when you die. What part of you dies? What part of you never dies? What can the soul do after your body dies? When will we be able to see the angels?

It is indeed wonderful, children, to think of God and heaven. Just think how God has made us to be happy with Him forever. Just think how happy we will be there with God forever.

TEST QUESTIONS: 1. For what did God make us? 2. What will we have in heaven? 3. How long will heaven last? 4. When will we see God?

TENTH LESSON

The Happiness of Heaven

Only good people go to heaven.
Good people do what God wants them to do.
The Catholic Church tells us what God wants us to do.
The priest tells us what the Catholic Church teaches.

Well, children, I am glad to see you so bright and cheerful. You look happy to-day. What makes you so happy? Who teaches others to be kind to you? Why do others love you? Why do you love them, too?

What kind of people do you like best? What kind of people will go to heaven? What do bad people have to do if they want to go to heaven?

How can they be good? When will God forgive them? What will you have in heaven? Who will be with you in heaven? What makes people happy in this world? What kind of people are always happy?

Who will love you in heaven? Whom will you love in heaven? Why do you try to be good all the time? Then, who will go to heaven?

What do we have to do if we want to be happy?

What kind of people are always happy? How can rich people be happy? How can poor people be happy?

What makes people happy? What do they have to do to be good? How can people be happy when they are sick? How can they be happy when they are very, very poor? But who are the good people? Who tells them how to be good?

Was our Lord rich or poor when He lived on earth? Were the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph poor or were they rich? Why do you think they were very happy? What kind of people do what God wants them to do? What did the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph do to be good? What do you do to be good? When do people do what God wants them to do? When are people good? When are you good? Who are happy?

What kind of people go to heaven? How can bad people get to heaven? How can they become good? What do you have to do to be good?

Children, you told me before how God told us many things about Himself. I would like to hear you tell that again. You said that God spoke to some men.

To whom did God speak? Who spoke to the patriarchs and prophets? Who came from heaven to tell us the most about God? Who told us many

things about heaven? Who told us about the angels?

What holy men did our Lord send to tell us about God? Who sent the Apostles to teach us? What Church teaches us all that our Lord and the Apostles taught? What do we have to do to be good?

How do we know what God wants us to do? Who sent the Catholic Church to teach us? How do we know all that our Lord and the Apostles taught? What do we have to do to be good?

How do we know what God wants us to do? Who sent the Catholic Church to teach us? How do you know all that our Lord and the Apostles taught?

But you told me that God wrote many things in a holy book. What is that book called? What does God tell us in the Bible? How did God write the Bible? What book tells us what God wants us to do? How do we know what the words of the Bible mean? Who sent the Catholic Church to teach us?

So, then, we know what the words of the Bible mean. We know what to believe. See how good our Heavenly Father is to us. He wants us to be sure of all that He tells us. So He gives us the Catholic Church to teach us.

Of course, children, everybody that is wise wants to go to heaven. But some people don't want to do what God tells them. They are very foolish. You told me before how we can get to heaven.

How do we know how to be good? What kind of people do what God wants them to do? How do we know what God wants us to do? Who sent the Catholic Church to teach us what God wants us to do?

Who tells you what the Catholic Church teaches? What does the priest teach you? Who teaches you what the Catholic Church teaches? Who sent the priest to teach you? What did our Lord tell the priest to teach you? Who teaches you how to be good? Who teaches you what to believe?

Who told the Catholic Church what to teach? What Church teaches all that our Lord taught? What Church teaches all that the Apostles taught? Then, how do you know what to do to be good? Who gave you the Catholic Church to teach you? Why did God give you the Catholic Church? Why does God want to make you good?

How do you know what the Catholic Church teaches? What does the priest teach you? Why do you want to learn what the Catholic Church

teaches? Why do you want to be good? Why do you want to go to heaven?

Do you know who the head priest is, children? He is the bishop. You know the bishop is a priest. But he is consecrated to rule over the other priests. Do you know who is the head bishop of the whole world? He is the Pope. He lives at Rome. He is the head of the whole Catholic Church. He rules the Church for our Lord.

What kind of people go to heaven? What do you have to do to be good? What does the Catholic Church teach you? Who gave us the Catholic Church? What did God want the Catholic Church to do for you?

Who tells you what the Catholic Church teaches? Who sent the priest to teach you what the Catholic Church teaches? Who is the head priest? Who is the head bishop of the whole world? Where does the Pope live?

Yes, we call the Pope our Holy Father. You know he loves us all. He prays for us. He watches over us for God. That is why we all love the Holy Father.

What can you do to help our Holy Father? When can you pray for our Holy Father? How do your prayers help our Holy Father? What can you do for the priests and bishops? What

will God do for the priests and bishops when you pray for them?

Just think how good God is. He sends you good priests and bishops and the Holy Father. They love to teach you how to be good. They want to lead you to God.

When can you thank God for this? What else can you thank God for? Who gave you the Catholic Church? How often would you like to thank God?

Yes, children, that will make you happy. Thank God every day and God will bless you more and more. You know how much He loves you. He is pleased when you pray to Him and thank Him. Pray often for our Holy Father and for all the priests and bishops.

TEST QUESTIONS: 1. What kind of people go to heaven? 2. Who are good people? 3. What Church tells us what God wants us to do? 4. Who tells us what the Catholic Church teaches?

ELEVENTH LESSON

Hell

Bad people go to hell.
Bad people are those who do not do what God wants them to do.
Bad people have to stay in hell forever.
Bad people will never see God.

I still remember, children, the many nice things you told me about our Heavenly Father. You told me about heaven. You told me how happy we will be there with God, and with the angels and all the good people. You told me about the beautiful angels.

What kind of angels were the angels when God made them? Who made the angels so good and holy? What made some of the angels bad? What are the bad angels called?

What do the devils try to make people do? Why do the devils try to make people bad? Whom do the devils hate? Why do the devils hate us? Who hate us because we love God?

Where do the devils want people to go when they die? Why do the devils want people to go to

hell? Why do they want to take them away from God? Who hate God? Why do the devils hate God?

What kind of people go to hell? Where does God want people to go when they die? Why does God want everybody to go to heaven? How many of us does God love?

What do bad people have to do if they don't want to go to hell? When will God forgive them? What do they have to be sorry for? What do they have to promise God?

Whose fault is it if anybody goes to hell? Who helps everybody to be good? What does everybody have to ask God if he wants to be good? When do you ask God to help you to be good?

What can you do for bad people? Why do you pray for bad people? Why do you always feel sorry for bad people? Why would you like to see them all become good? Why would you like to see them all begin to love God?

Yes, children, God will love you more than ever for that. Pray for people that are foolish enough to listen to the devil. Ask God to help them as He helped you.

You told me, children, what we have to do to be good. What Church teaches us what God

wants us to do? How do you know what the Catholic Church teaches?

Who were the first that did not do what God wanted them to do? Why did the bad angels not want to do what God told them to do? What made them proud? How much did they think they knew?

What happened to the bad angels? What made them bad? When do people act as the bad angels did? What kind of people do not want to do what God tells them?

Who tells people not to do what God tells them? What kind of people always do what God wants them to do? What kind of people do not do what God wants them to do? Who, then, are the bad people? Whom do good people obey? What kind of people obey God? Whom do bad people obey? What kind of people obey the devil?

What kind of people are happy? Why are good people always happy? What kind of people hope to get to heaven? What kind of people are miserable? What must bad people do to be happy? How can they become good? What do they have to do if they want God to forgive them?

How good God is! He has helped you to be good. He sent the Catholic Church and the

priests and the bishops and the Pope to teach you to be good. Pray and ask God to help everybody else as He has helped you.

What does God do with good people when they die? What will God give us in heaven? How long will we be happy in heaven? What do we have to do to get to heaven? What kind of people do what God wants them to do? How many people can be good if they will? Who will help them all be good?

Where do bad people go when they die? Who will they be with in hell? Who will hate them in hell? How many people will hate one another in hell?

It is too terrible to think about, children. Just think of being in hell with the devils forever. There all the devils and all the bad people will hate one another forever. And they will be in fire forever. They will burn forever and forever.

Who tries to make people turn away from God? Who hates God? What kind of people does the devil hate? Why does the devil hate you? Why does the devil lie to people? Why does he tell them he will make them happy? The devils will make fun of the people they have fooled. They will torment them and hate them forever.

Whose fault is it if anybody goes to hell? Who

tries to make people bad? What do bad people suffer in hell? How long will they be in fire? Who will laugh at them when they are in the fire?

What do good people have in heaven? Whom will they be with? Who will love them? How long will heaven last? How long will hell last?

What was God willing to do for bad people before they died? What did they have to do if they wanted God to forgive them? What did they have to be sorry for? What did they have to promise God?

If bad people had come back to God, where would they be now? With whom would they be in heaven? With whom are they in hell? How long do they have to stay there? Who hates them there?

Who will never see God? When could they have turned back to God? What could they have done before they died? What was God willing to do for them? But to whom did they listen?

Just think, how awful that would be! To be away from God forever! To be with devils and bad people forever! No wonder you pray every day. No wonder you try to be good always. Forever means eternity. Can you say *eternity?*

Tell me now what happens to bad people when

they die? What kind of place is hell? Who will be there? What will the devils do to the people in hell? What will the bad people suffer in hell? Who will hate one another in hell?

How long will bad people have to stay in hell? Who will never see God? What should they have done before they died? When is it too late to ask God to forgive them? Yes, children, God is very kind and good and loving. He is willing to forgive everybody that tries to be good. He wants everybody to be good and to go to heaven. Every day, I am sure, you thank God for helping you to be good.

TEST QUESTIONS: 1. What kind of people go to hell? 2. Who are the bad people? 3. How long do bad people have to stay in hell? 4. Who will never see God?

TWELFTH LESSON

The Ten Commandments

God gave us the Ten Commandments.
God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses for us.
The Catholic Church teaches us the Ten Commandments.
God gave us the Ten Commandments to make us good.

Now, children, I would like to have you tell me again about your father and mother. You told me all they do for you. You told me how they love you.

What kind of children do your parents want you to be? Who tell you what you should do? Who tell you what you should not do? Of course, they do. And I am sure you try to obey them always.

Why do you think your parents tell you what to do? What do they want you to know? Why do they want you to know what is right and what is wrong? Why do they want you to know how to be good?

So your parents make some rules for you. There are some things they want you to do. That is a rule to tell you what to do. There are some

things they tell you not to do. That is a rule to show you what not to do.

What kind of things does God want you to do? What kind of things does God tell you not to do? Then, God made some rules for you, too. Do you know what God's rules are called? They are called Commandments. God gave us the Commandments to tell us what we should do and to tell us what we should not do.

Do you know how many Commandments God gave us? God gave us Ten Commandments. What kind of children does God want you to be? How do you know how to be good? What does God tell you? How many Commandments did God give us? When did God tell you what is right and what is wrong? What do the Ten Commandments tell us? Why did God give us the Ten Commandments?

Just think how good God is! He wants us to know what to do so that we can be good and go to heaven. You see how God loves you. He wants us to know what is wrong so that we will keep from it. That is why He gave us the Ten Commandments.

Now, children, did you ever hear about Moses? I will tell you about him. Moses was a very holy man. He lived a long, long time ago. He was

born about three thousand years ago. There was a very wicked king then. He made all the mothers throw their little boy babies into the river. Of course, they tried to hide their babies so that the king could not find them.

Moses was a very pretty little baby. His mother loved him very much, so she put him into a basket and left him on the edge of the river; then his sister watched so that nothing would harm him.

Soon the king's daughter came down to the river. She was not wicked like her father. There she found the pretty little baby in the basket. When she saw how pretty he was, she made up her mind to keep him. When she began to look around for some one to take care of him his sister went and told his mother.

Then the baby's mother came over there. But the king's daughter didn't know that she was little Moses' mother. So she asked her if she would come with her and take care of the little boy.

You can imagine how happy Moses' mother was! She took care of the baby until he grew up. She taught Moses to love God very much; so he became a very holy man. God loved him very much; He made him the leader of his people.

Once God told Moses to go up into a high

mountain. Moses went and prayed there for many days. One day there was a great storm of thunder and lightning. Then God appeared to Moses and gave him the Ten Commandments.

Now tell me the story of Moses. What happened to Moses when he was a baby? What did his mother do? How did she make a good man out of Moses? What did she teach him? What did God tell Moses to do? What did God do on the mountain? What did God give to Moses? How did God send the Ten Commandments to us?

Children, you have often told me that God wants you to be good. You told me how God wants you to know what to do to be good. He has given you many good people to help you be good.

Why did God give you your father and mother? What does God want your father and mother to teach you? Whom did God send to go with you all the time? Why did God give you your guardian angel? What does your guardian angel do for you? Why does he watch over you?

And God wants you to know what to do. What did our Lord and the Apostles teach? What Church teaches us what our Lord and the Apostles taught? Who gave us the Catholic Church? What Church teaches us the Ten Commandments?

Just see how many things God has done to help you be good! It shows how much He loves you. Do you know in what book the Ten Commandments are written? They are written in the Bible.

Now, if some one asked you how you know the Ten Commandments, what would you tell him? What Church teaches us the Ten Commandments? Who sent the Catholic Church to teach us? Who told the Catholic Church to teach us the Ten Commandments?

Who tells us what the Catholic Church teaches? Who sent the priest to tell us what the Catholic Church teaches? What does the priest teach in the church?

What do the Ten Commandments tell you? What did God give us to tell us how to be good? How does God tell you what you should not do? Who gave us the Ten Commandments? How did God send us the Ten Commandments? Why did God give us the Ten Commandments? How do the Ten Commandments show that God loves us?

How many people does God want to be good? Why does God want everybody to be good? Where does God want us all to go when we die? Why does God want everybody to go to heaven? Why does God want us with Him in heaven?

Why do you keep the Commandments? What kind of people keep the Commandments? Whom do you obey when you keep the Commandments?

What kind of people do not keep the Commandments? What can you do to help bad people? What can you ask God to do for them? When will God forgive them? What kind of people are happy in the world? What kind of people are miserable?

Tell me now, children, about the Ten Commandments. Who gave us the Ten Commandments? How did God give them to us? What happened to Moses? What did Moses do on the mountain? What did God give him? How do we know the Ten Commandments? What Church teaches them to us? In what book are they written? Why did God give us the Ten Commandments?

I am glad, children, you know all about the Ten Commandments. You see how much God loves you. He wants you to know how to be good all the time. He will love you more than ever because you try always to be good.

TEST QUESTIONS: 1. Who gave us the Ten Commandments? 2. To whom did God give the Ten Commandments? 3. What Church teaches us the Ten Commandments? 4. Why did God give us the Ten Commandments?

THIRTEENTH LESSON

The First Commandment [1]

"I am the Lord thy God; thou shalt not have strange gods before me."

The First Commandment tells us to serve God.
We must believe in God.
We must hope in God.
We must love God above all things.

Well, children, you told me about the Ten Commandments. Tell me about them again to-day. Who gave us the Ten Commandments? What Church teaches us the Ten Commandments? Why did God give us the Ten Commandments? Why does God want you to be good?

Children, you have often told me many fine things about our Heavenly Father. Who is our Heavenly Father? Why do you pray to God every day? Why do you go to church all the time? Whom do you visit there? Whose house is the church?

Who gave you to your father and mother? Who made the world? Who rules the world? Who made heaven? Where is our true home?

[1] It will be well to have the children memorize the Commandments.

Who is the Lord of heaven and earth? How long has God ruled the world? Who takes care of everybody in the world? Who takes care of the angels?

How much does God know? How much can God do? Where is God? How many persons are there in God? Who are the three persons? What do you call the three persons all together? How long has God been God?

Do you know, children, what the pagans used to think? They used to think there were many gods. They didn't know there was but one God. That is why God said in the First Commandment: "I am the Lord thy God." And He wanted everybody to know that the pagan gods were false, so He said: "thou shalt not have strange gods before me."

If somebody asked you how you show that you love God, what would you say? Why do you pray to God? What do you ask God to do for you? For what do you thank God? When do you obey God? Whom are you obeying when you obey your parents? Whom are you obeying when you are good? Whom are you obeying when you do good to others? Whom are you obeying when you love everybody? Whom are you obeying when you go to church?

Yes, children, I know you always try to do what God wants you to do. You want to obey God always. That means to serve God. When you obey God you serve Him. That is what the First Commandment tells us to do. It tells us to serve God. It tells us to do all that God wants us to do. It tells us that God is our Lord and our God.

Why do you always try to do what God wants you to do? What do people do when they love God? Whom do you serve when you obey God? What does the First Commandment tell you to do? What Commandment tells you to serve God? What are some of the things you do to serve God?

Now, children, what kind of people do you believe? Why do you believe what your father and mother tell you? What kind of people always tell the truth?

Why did God tell us many things about Himself? To whom did God speak? Who spoke to the patriarchs and prophets? From whom does all truth come?

Yes, children, God is truth. God is all-good and all-holy. All that comes from Him has to be true. How do you know what God told us? What Church teaches us all that God told us?

Who told the Catholic Church that? Who sent the Catholic Church to teach us? Why do you believe all that the Catholic Church teaches?

From what holy book do we learn about God? Who wrote the Bible? How did God write the Bible? How do we know what the words of the Bible mean? Why do you believe all that is in the Bible?

Just think, children, how good God is! He tells us many wonderful things about Himself and about heaven and about the angels. How happy you are to know these things! Do you know what it means to believe all that God has told us? It means to have faith. So you have faith. You have faith in God. All good people have faith.

Now, tell me what it means to have faith. Why are we happy to believe in God? Where does all truth come from? How much does God know? How do we know what God told us? What Church teaches us all that God told us?

What does it mean to believe all that God has told us? What does it mean to have faith? What kind of people have faith?

How many people have to have faith to go to heaven? Whom does it please when we have faith? What prayer do you say to tell God that

you have faith in Him? Say the Act of Faith. What are you happy to believe? Why do you believe all that God told us? What does it mean to have faith? Why do we have to have faith?

Of course, you know little babies can go to heaven. They are not old enough to have faith. They have only to be baptized. But everybody else has to have faith if he wants to go to heaven.

What kind of people always try to give us what they promise us? When you promise anything what do you always try to do?

Now, tell me what has God promised to do for us when we die? What has God promised to give us in heaven? How long has God promised to make us happy in heaven?

Why are you sure that God will give us all that He has promised us? But what do we have to do to get to heaven? Who has promised to help us to be good? When do you ask God to help you? How often do you pray?

Whom does God send to tell you how to be good? Who gave you your parents? How does God help you to know the truth? How do you know what to believe? What Church did God send to teach you the truth? What does that show about God? How do you know that God is keeping His promise to help you to be good?

Yes, children, God is so good and so holy that we can be always sure that He will keep all His promises. When we are sure that God will keep His promises, we have hope. We hope in God. All good people hope in God. How happy you are because you hope in God. Hope makes people happy. We have hope when we believe for sure that God will keep all His promises.

Now, why do you hope in God? What does it mean to hope in God? What does it mean to believe for sure that God will keep all His promises? What has God promised to us?

Why does God want us all to go to heaven? Why are you sure that God will keep all His promises? What did God promise to help us do? How is God keeping that promise? How is God helping you to be good?

Yes, children, God helps you every day; God does great things for you. You will soon learn about other great things that God has done for you. You will learn about our Lord. You will learn more about the Catholic Church. You will learn about the Sacraments.

Why is God pleased when you hope in Him? If somebody asked you what it means to hope in God, what would you tell him? Why must everybody hope in God?

What kind of people always try to keep their promises? Why are you sure that God will keep all His promises? What prayer do you say to tell God that you are sure He will keep all His promises? Say the Act of Hope.

Of course, children, you can tell me about God's great love for us. You know so many wonderful things that God has done for us. You know that God is our Heavenly Father.

If somebody asked you how you know that God loves you, what would you tell him? Suppose he didn't know where all the people in the world come from, what would you tell him? Suppose he didn't know how we got this beautiful world to live in, what would you tell him? Suppose he didn't know how we get things to live with, what would you tell him?

Suppose he didn't know who made the sun and the moon and the stars, what would you tell him? Suppose he didn't know about our guardian angels, what would you tell him? Suppose he didn't know what God has for us when we die, what would you tell him?

Why do you love God so much? How do you show your love for God? Why do you like to do all that God tells you? What do people do for God when they love Him?

Why do you think God wants us in heaven? How long will we love God in heaven? What good things come from God? Why do you love God better than anything in the world? Where do all good things come from?

Why do you love all the people in the world? Whose children are they? Why do you try to be kind to everybody? To whom do all the people in the world belong? What does God want them all to have after they die? What prayer do you say to tell God that you love Him? Say the Act of Love.

What does the First Commandment tell us to do? What do you do when you serve God? What must you do when God tells you anything? How did God tell us many things?

What does it mean to believe in God? What must we believe when God promises us something? What has God promised us? What does it mean to hope in God? Why do you love God above all things?

What do we have to believe if we want to go to heaven? What does it mean to have faith? What must we hope if we want to get to heaven? What does it mean to hope in God?

Yes, children, God is good and loving. We are happy to serve Him. We are happy to believe

in Him; we are happy to hope in Him; we are happy to love Him.

TEST QUESTIONS: 1. What does the First Commandment tell us? 2. In whom must we believe? 3. In whom must we hope? 4. Whom must we love above all things?

FOURTEENTH LESSON

The Second Commandment

"Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain."

The Second Commandment tells us to honor God's name.
The name of Jesus is the most holy of all names.
We honor the names of all the saints.
Only bad people curse and swear.

You have told me often, children, how you love your father and mother. Of course, you want everybody else to speak well of them.

Why do you speak well of everybody? How does God want you to act to everybody? Why does He want you to be kind to everybody? Why do you always speak well of your father and mother? What does it show when you speak well of them?

How do you show that you love your parents? When do you honor anybody's name? Whom do you love above all things? What has God done for you? Who gave you life?

What kind of people always honor God's name? When do you speak God's name with love?

When do you talk with God? What kind of people take God's name in vain? Who tells them to take God's name in vain?

God is great and good and holy. He is our Father in heaven. We love Him better than anything in the world. That is why we honor His holy name. We must never speak God's name unless we say it with love and respect.

How do all good people speak God's name? Why do you honor God's name? What name does the Second Commandment tell you to honor? Who gave us the Second Commandment? Why did God give us the Second Commandment? Why is it a sin to speak God's name without respect? What Commandment do people break when they speak God's name without respect?

Who told us to honor God's name? When did God tell you to honor His name? To whom did God give the Commandments? Which Church teaches us what the Commandments mean? Who gave us the Catholic Church?

Why do good people bow their head when they hear the name of Jesus? What is the most holy of all names? Whom do we call Jesus? Who came to save us from hell? Why did our Lord come to save us from hell? Why do we honor our Lord's name so much?

Yes, children, we love and honor the most holy name of Jesus. Our Lord is our God and our Saviour. He loves us more than we can ever know.

What do good people do when they hear the holy name of Jesus? Why do they bow their head? What name is the most holy of all names?

What did our Lord do to show how He loves us? Why did our Lord die for us? What did our Lord come to save us from?

Why do good men take off their hats when they hear the holy name of Jesus? How do good people always speak our Lord's name? Why do they always speak our Lord's name with respect? Who is our Lord? Why do we call Jesus our Saviour?

Why do you bow the head when you hear the holy name of Jesus? Why do you honor the holy name of Jesus?

Some people speak our Lord's name without respect. Perhaps they do not know how much our Lord loves us. Perhaps they do not know that our Lord died for us.

How do you feel for people that speak our Lord's name without respect? What can you do for them? What can you ask God for them?

How do you think the Blessed Virgin spoke

our Lord's name? Why did she speak it with so much love? How did St. Joseph speak our Lord's name?

Do you know how old our Lord was when the Blessed Virgin gave Him His name? He was just eight days old. You know the angel told the Blessed Virgin what our Lord's name was to be. That was before our Lord was born. They took our Lord to the temple when they gave Him His name. That day is the Feast of Circumcision. It is a Holy Day. Do you know what day of the year it is? It is New Year's Day.

Why do you think the angels honor our Lord's holy name? Why do you think the angels love and honor our Lord's name so much? Who knows best how good and holy our Lord is?

What person of the Blessed Trinity is our Lord? What name do you honor most? What do you do when you hear the holy name of Jesus? What do good men do?

What can you do for those who speak our Lord's name without respect? Why is it a sin to speak our Lord's name without respect? What Commandment do people break when they speak our Lord's name without respect? Whom do they disobey when they break the Second Commandment?

Whom do you think our Lord loved best on earth? Who is our Lord's mother? Where is our Lord's mother now?

Who held our Lord in her arms when He was a little baby? Who kissed Him and sang to Him? Why do you think our Lord wants you to love His blessed mother?

Why do we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary? Who is God's mother? Why do good people honor the name of Mary? How many of us does our Lord's mother love? What does our Lord's mother do for you? For whom does she pray? To whom does she pray? Who is the Blessed Virgin's Son?

Why do you think our Lord likes to listen to His blessed mother? What will He do for us when she prays for us? What can you do to show that you love our Lord's mother? What does it show when you pray to her? What prayer to our Lord's mother do you know?

Of course, you have heard of many saints, children. You know St. Joseph. You know St. Peter and St. Paul and many other saints. I will tell you about the saints. They were people who loved God very much. They lived all their lives just to love God. They were very holy. They did only what God wanted them to

do. They prayed very much. They did good to everybody. They thought about God every day of their lives as much as they could.

The saints would rather die than do wrong. They didn't care for money and such things. Of course, God loved them very much. Sometimes God would let them do wonderful things. Sometimes He even let them bring dead people back to life. That would be a miracle, you know. When the saints died, God took them to heaven.

What do you think the saints can do for us? What will God do for us when the saints pray for us? Why do we honor the saints? Whose friends are they? Who are God's friends? Who loves them very much? With whom are they in heaven? What can you do to honor the saints? Who is pleased when you pray to the saints? How can the saints help us? What can you ask them to do for you? To whom do they pray for us? What do you answer when you say the Litany of the Saints?

Now, children, tell me about the Blessed Virgin. Who is her Son? Why do you honor the Blessed Virgin? How do you show that you love her? What does she do for you?

Why do you honor the saints? What can you tell me about the saints? What kind of people

were they? What made them so good? How do you show that you honor the saints? What do they do for you?

Who do you think was the first ever to curse and swear? Why do the devils curse and swear? Why do they hate God? What kind of people curse and swear? From whom do you think bad people learned to curse and swear? What Commandment do they break when they curse and swear? Whom do they disobey when they break the Second Commandment?

Whom do people insult when they curse and swear? What does the Second Commandment tell us to do? What is the most holy name? What other names do we honor? What kind of people curse and swear?

Thank God, children, you will always honor God's holy name. If you hear others take God's name in vain or curse and swear, I am sure you will feel sorry for them. Ask God to forgive them. Perhaps they don't know how bad it is. Perhaps they forget sometimes.

TEST QUESTIONS: 1. What does the Second Commandment tell us? 2. What is the most holy of all names? 3. What other names do we honor? 4. What kind of people curse and swear?

FIFTEENTH LESSON

The Third Commandment

"Remember thou keep holy the Sabbath day."

The Third Commandment tells us to keep holy the Lord's day.
Holy Days are like Sunday.
We must go to Mass on Sundays and Holy Days.
We go to Vespers and Devotions on Sundays and Holy Days.

Tell me now, children, about the days in the week. How many days are there in the week? What do people do on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday? What do we do on Sunday? Whose day is Sunday? What day belongs entirely to God?

How many days in the week does God give people for themselves? On how many days does God help us? On how many days do we pray to God? Which day belongs to God?

Yes, children, the whole day Sunday belongs to God. We give that day to Him to show that we love Him. Do you know what the Lord's day used to be called? It used to be called the

Sabbath day. How does God want us to keep His day? Why does He want us to keep it holy? What kind of people are glad to give all day Sunday to God?

Tell me, now, how do good people like to spend Sunday? Whom do they visit on Sunday? Where is God's house? Why do you pray on Sundays more than on other days? On what day should we read more good books? Why does God not want people to work on Sundays? To whom does Sunday belong? What do good people try to keep from on Sunday? Why do they try to keep from working on Sundays? Of course, you know people have to work sometimes. Then it is not their fault. God always knows when people have to work.

Who gave us the Third Commandment? Why did God give us the Third Commandment? What does the Third Commandment tell us to do? Why do you always go to church on Sundays? Who wants you to go to church on Sundays? What does it show when you keep the Lord's day holy?

When you love God, what do you like to do for God? Why do you do all that God tells you to do? What can you thank God for? When do you thank God?

Do you know, children, there are other days besides Sundays which belong to God? They are called Holy Days. There are six of them every year. They belong to God just like Sunday does.

How do you keep Sunday holy? What do you do to make Sunday holy? When do you pray more than on other days? What do good people like to read on Sunday? What do they keep from doing on Sunday? What do you do on Holy Days?

To whom do Holy Days belong? Who wants us to give Holy Days to God? How do we know that God wants us to give Sundays and Holy Days to Him? What Church tells us what the Third Commandment means? How does the Catholic Church know what the Third Commandment means?

I will tell you about the Holy Days. One of them is our Lord's birthday. On what day does Christmas come? Another is the day on which they took our Lord to the temple to give Him His name. It is called the Feast of the Circumcision. What day is that? What day of the year is it? What Holy Day comes on New Year's Day?

Then another is the day on which our Lord went up to heaven. It is called the Feast of the Ascen-

sion. When did our Lord go up to heaven? How many days after Easter was it? What Holy Day comes forty days after Easter?

Then one of the Holy Days is the day on which our Lord took His blessed mother to heaven. It is called the Feast of the Assumption. It is August the fifteenth. Now, what Holy Day comes on August the fifteenth?

Then on one of the Holy Days we honor all the saints in heaven. It is November the first. It is called the Feast of All Saints. Now, what Holy Day comes on November the first?

Then there is a Holy Day on which we honor the Blessed Virgin because she was always free from sin; it is December the eighth. It is called the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Now, what Holy Day comes on December the eighth?

What do we always have to do on Sundays and Holy Days? On what days are we bound to hear Mass? What kind of a sin is it to neglect Mass on Sundays and Holy Days?

What Commandment tells us to hear Mass on Sundays and Holy Days? What Church tells us that the Third Commandment means this? What kind of people always go to Mass on Sundays and Holy Days?

What kind of people go to Mass even when

they live far from church? What if they are tired? What kind of people go to Mass even when it is raining? Who go to Mass even when it is very cold? What if it is very, very hot?

You know, children, sometimes people are very sick. When they are sick in bed, they can't go. Then they say the prayers of Mass at home.

How often do good people like to go to church? Why do they like to go as often as they can? Whom do they visit when they go to church? Whose house is the church?

What does it show when you like to go to church? What kind of people like to go to Vespers? What kind of people like to go to Devotions? Whom does it please when you go to Vespers or Devotions?

How often is there Mass in the Church? On how many days in the week does the priest say Mass? How often do some people like to go to Mass? Why is it good to go every day if you can?

Of course, you know, children, there are many good people who like to go to Mass every day. God is pleased when people go to Mass often. It shows that they love Him.

Now, will you tell me again about the Third Commandment? What does it tell us to do?

What day is the Lord's day? How do you keep the Lord's day holy? What other days belong to God? What do you do on Holy Days?

What do we have to do on Sundays and Holy Days? What kind of sin is it to neglect Mass on Sundays and Holy Days? What do you do in the afternoon or evening? When did God tell you to do all this? What Commandment did He give to tell you? Thank God, children, that you know the Third Commandment. You know how to show your love for God. You know what God wants you to do.

TEST QUESTIONS: 1. What does the Third Commandment tell us? 2. What other days are like Sunday? 3. What must we do on Sundays and Holy Days? 4. When do we go to Vespers and Devotions?

SIXTEENTH LESSON

The Fourth Commandment

"Honor thy father and thy mother."

The Fourth Commandment tells us to honor our parents.
The Fourth Commandment tells us to obey our parents.
The Fourth Commandment tells us to love our parents.
The Fourth Commandment tells us to help our parents.

Several times, children, you have told me about your parents. You told me how your father and mother take care of you. You told me how they love you.

Where did you get your parents? Why do you love your parents so much? How do you show your love for your parents? How do good children speak to their parents?

How do you think God wants you to act toward your parents? Who wants you to be respectful to your parents? When did God tell you to honor your parents? What Commandment tells you that? What does the Fourth Commandment tell you to do?

Why do you honor your parents? Who gave

them to you? Who wants you to honor your parents? How do you always speak to your parents? How do you always act toward your parents? Who gave us the Fourth Commandment? Who teaches us the Fourth Commandment?

Children, you have often told me about good people. How can people be good? What do they have to do? Who tells you what God wants you to do?

Who tells you that at home? What do your father and mother tell you? Who teaches your parents what to tell you? How does God teach your parents? What Church teaches them for God?

What do you do when your parents tell you to do something? Why do you always obey your parents? Who wants you to obey your parents? When does God tell you to obey your parents?

What Commandment tells you to obey your parents? Who gave us the Fourth Commandment? How do we know the Fourth Commandment? Where is it written? What Church teaches us the Fourth Commandment?

Why does the Catholic Church teach us the Fourth Commandment? Who sent the Catholic Church to teach us? What is the only Church that God sent to teach us?

So now, children, how can you know at home what God wants you to do? Whom did God give you to tell you? Whom are you really obeying when you obey your parents? What kind of children always obey their parents?

What do good children do if they forget sometimes? What do they try to do the next time? What do they promise their parents? How quickly do good children do what their parents tell them to do? If you are playing and your parents tell you to do something, when do you obey?

So, then, you try to be obedient all the time. That pleases God. He will bless you and make you very good when you always obey your parents.

What is the right way to obey? When do you do what you are told? Why do you obey at once? What do you do when your parents tell you something you don't like to do? Why do you obey at once then, too? Why do you think you ought to obey cheerfully? How can you obey your parents to make them happy?

That is right. No matter what you have to do, try to be cheerful and glad. Then you will help make others happy. Good children try always to keep from pouting. They are always willing and glad to do whatever they are told to do.

Why do you always obey your parents? Who

wants you to obey your parents? How do you obey your parents? How do you answer your parents?

Why do you always speak with respect to your parents? Who wants you to speak with respect to your parents? What does the Fourth Commandment tell us to do?

How do you know that you must obey your parents? What Church teaches you to obey your parents? Why does the Catholic Church teach you to obey your parents? Who sent the Catholic Church to teach us?

You told me God gave you your parents. Yes, God gave you your parents to care for you and to teach you and to love you. See how good God is to you.

What two people do you love best on earth? Why do you love your father and mother so much? Why do they love you and care for you? Who wants you to love your parents? Why does God want you to love your parents?

How long will you love your father and mother? How can you show your love for your parents after they die? How long can you pray for them? Where will you love your parents after you die? How long will you be with your father and mother in heaven?

What kind of children love their parents very much? How do you show that you love your parents? What shows that you love your parents when they tell you to do something? How do you show that you love your parents when you speak to them?

How do you act toward your parents when you love them? What do you do for your parents when you say your prayers? How often do you pray for them? What does God do for your father and mother when you pray for them?

Very well, children, I am very happy to hear you say those good things about your parents. Tell me again. Why do you love your parents so much? How do you show that you love your parents? How do you always speak to them?

How do you always act toward them? What do you do for them every day? When do you ask God to bless your father and mother? What can children do when their parents die? What does it show when you pray for your parents? Who wants you to love your parents?

You told me something that pleases me very much, children. You told me how much you love your parents. What do your parents do for you? Who work for you? What did they do

for you when you were a baby? Why do they do all those things for you?

Why do you like to help your parents? How do you show your love for them? When will you be able to help them more? What will you be able to do for them when you are big? How long will you help them?

Who wants you to help your parents? When did God tell you that He wants you to help your parents? How do you know that the Fourth Commandment means that, too? What Church teaches you what the Fourth Commandment means?

Just see how God loves your father and mother! That is why God wants you to honor them and love them and help them.

Tell me now all about the Fourth Commandment. What does it tell us to do? How do you honor your parents? What do you do when they tell you to do something? How quickly must you obey them?

How do you show that you love them? What can you do for them every day? What can you do for them after they die? How long will you help your parents?

God will bless you, children, because you honor and obey and love your parents. Thank God,

then, because He gave you a father and mother to love you and take care of you.

TEST QUESTIONS: 1. What does the Fourth Commandment tell us? 2. Whom does it tell us to obey? 3. Whom does it tell us to love? 4. Whom does it tell us to help?

SEVENTEENTH LESSON

The Fifth Commandment

"Thou shalt not kill."

The Fifth Commandment tells us to be good to everybody.
We must love everybody.
We must take care of our health.
Bad people do harm to others.

Will you tell me again, children, about the Commandments? Where do they come from? Why did God give us the Commandments? What is the First Commandment? What does it tell us to do? What is the Second Commandment? What does it tell us to do? What is the Third Commandment? What does it tell us to do? What is the Fourth Commandment? What does it tell us to do?

Of course, you know one of the worst things in the world is to kill anybody. That is the first thing the Fifth Commandment tells everybody not to do.

Why are many good people kind to you? How

many people love you? Who are kind to you at home? What do your father and mother do for you? Why do you like to be kind to others? Who wants you to be kind to everybody?

Why does God want you to be kind to everybody? Whom does God love? Whose Father is God? Where does everybody come from? Whose children are they? Why are you kind to everybody? Why did God give us the Fifth Commandment? To how many people does God want us to be kind? What does God do for all the people in the world? Who takes care of them all?

So you like to be good and kind to everybody. What would you like to do for people that are very poor? What would you like to do if you should see somebody in danger?

What would you do if you saw an old lady carrying a basket? What would you do if you saw an old man's hat blow off? What would you do if you were sitting down and a lady was standing? What would you do if an old man had no place to sit down? Who is pleased when you are kind to others like that?

Yes, children, God is pleased whenever you are kind to others. He wants you to be good and kind to everybody.

Children, you have often told me of the wonderful things God has done for us all. Will you tell me some of them now? Where do we all come from? Where did the world come from? Why did God make the world?

How does God help us to be good? Whom did God give you to take care of you? Whom does God send with you wherever you go? What will God do for you when you die?

How many people does God want to go to heaven? Why does God want everybody to go to heaven? How many people does God love? Why do you love everybody? What does it show when you are kind to people?

What can you do for all the people in the world? For how many people can you pray? How, then, can you help all the people in the world? What will God do for all the people in the world when you pray for them?

Tell me now, children, why do you love all the people in the world? Whose children are they? Whom does God love? What kind of people does God want all the people to be? What kind of people do you want them to be? What will God do if you pray for all the people in the world? How can you help others to be good? What kind of people always speak kindly to others? Why

do you always try to keep from getting angry with others?

Of course, I know you try to keep from getting angry. You try to be good and kind always. If good children forget sometimes and get angry, they make up right away. Why do you like to be kind to everybody? Who wants you to be kind to everybody? Why do you love everybody? Who else loves them?

Who gave you your life? Why did God give you your life? What does God want you to be on earth? What does God want you to know? What Church did God send to teach you? What does the Catholic Church teach us?

What does the First Commandment tell us to do? What do we do when we serve God? Why do we do all that God tells us to do? Why do you think God wants us to live on earth? Whom do we serve on earth?

Who gives us our health? Why do you think we ought to take care of our health? Who wants us to take care of our health? Why do you always try to avoid danger? When do people sometimes get killed? What do you do when there is danger?

How do people harm their health sometimes by eating? Why is it a sin if anybody makes himself sick by eating? How do people sometimes

harm their health by drinking? When do they commit a sin by drinking?

To how many people did God give life? Why does God want you to be careful about others' lives, too? Why are you careful not to hurt anybody? Who wants you to do that?

Why are you careful not to fight? If anybody forgets and fights, what should he do? Whose pardon must he ask? What must he ask God to do? When will God forgive him? Why are you careful not to quarrel with others? How does God want you to act toward others?

To whom do all the people in the world belong? Why did God make them all? Why does God want them all in heaven? Why do you like to be kind to everybody? Who wants you to be kind to everybody? Why are you careful not to harm anybody?

What kind of people do harm to others? What do they have to do if they want God to forgive them? Whose pardon do they have to ask? What must they try to make up for? What must they promise?

So now, children, you know how God wants you to take care of your health and life. You know how God wants you to act toward others. What does the Fifth Commandment tell us to do?

Whom must we love? Why must we take care of our health? What kind of people do harm to others?

Thank God for His goodness and love, children. Every day He is teaching you more and more how to love and serve Him.

TEST QUESTIONS: 1. What does the Fifth Commandment tell us? 2. How many people must we love? 3. What must we do with our health? 4. What kind of people do harm to others?

EIGHTEENTH LESSON

The Sixth and Ninth Commandments

The Sixth Commandment:

"Thou shalt not commit adultery."

The Ninth Commandment:

"Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife."

The Sixth and Ninth Commandments tell us to be pure.
We must use our body as God wants us to use it.
We must use our eyes right.
We must use our hands right.

Now, children, I remember all the wonderful things you told me about God. You said that God made you for heaven. You said that God wants you to be with Him forever.

To whom do you belong? How do you happen to belong to God? How long will your soul live? What will happen to your body some day? When will your body come back to life again? How long will you have your body in heaven?

Who tells us how to use our body? How does God want us to use our body? What kind of people use their body right? How does God

want you to eat? How does God want you to drink? Whom do people disobey when they eat too much? When do people disobey God by drinking? What does God want us to do with our body? Who wants us to do good with our body?

Who made people so that they could think? What kind of things does God want you to think about? What kind of things do good people keep from thinking about? Whom do people disobey when they think about bad things?

What kind of people keep from thinking about bad things? What kind of people use their bodies right? What kind of people are pure? What kind of people keep from doing things they should be ashamed to do? Who keep from thinking about things they would be ashamed of? Who keep from talking about things they would be ashamed of?

Now, children, if somebody asked you how to be pure, what would you tell him? What would you tell him about his body? To whom does it belong? How should he use it?

What should he keep from thinking about? What should he keep from doing? What should he keep from talking about? What two Commandments tell us to be pure? Why does God

want everybody to be pure? Where does God want people to go when they die? When shall we have our bodies again?

What do good people always keep from looking at? Why do good people always keep from looking at things they would be ashamed of? How does God want us to use our eyes?

What does God want us to keep from looking at? Why does God want us to keep from looking at bad things? Why do you turn away if somebody tries to show you a bad picture? Whom does any one disobey if he looks at bad pictures?

Why do you turn your eyes away from bad things? Who wants you to be pure? What kind of people keep from looking at anything they would be ashamed of? Who gave us our eyes? What does God want you to keep from looking at?

What kind of words does God want you to use? Why do good people keep from saying bad words? What is it when anybody says bad words? Whom is he disobeying? What kind of things do good people keep from talking about? Who keep from talking about things they would be ashamed of?

When does God see us? What kind of children does God want you to be? Who knows always what you are looking at? What kind of children

keep from looking at things they would be ashamed of?

Of course, good children keep from looking at things if they would be ashamed to have their father and mother see them. What kind of children keep from saying things they would be ashamed to have their father and mother know? Who knows always what you are thinking about?

What kind of things do you keep from listening to? Why do you always keep from listening to bad words? Who wants you to keep from listening to bad words? What is it when any one listens to bad words? Whom is he disobeying?

What would you do if somebody tried to say bad words to you? Why would you turn away from him? What would you do if somebody tried to talk about bad things to you? What would you do if the devil tried to make you think about bad things? Whom would you ask to help you?

How do you ask God to help you? What will your guardian angel do if you ask him? Who will help you to be pure all your life? When can you ask God to help you be pure? How often would you like God to help you be pure? Who made the angels so pure? Why do people have to

be pure to go to heaven? With whom will they be in heaven? Who do you think is the purest creature that ever lived on earth? Was it our Lord's mother? What can you ask the Blessed Virgin to do for you? When will the Blessed Virgin help you be pure?

Yes, children, pray often to the Blessed Virgin. She is as pure as the angels. She loves all that are pure and she likes to help all that want to be pure all their lives.

What do good people keep from doing? Why do they keep from doing things they would be ashamed of? Who gave people their hands? What did God want people to do with their hands? How does God want us to use our hands?

Yes, God wants everybody to do good. That is why He gives us life. That is why He gives us hands to do things with.

What do good people keep their hands away from? Why do they keep their hands away from bad things? Who wants them to do that?

Now, children, thank God you know how to be pure all your life. You know what God wants you to do, so that you will always be pure.

What can you do for people that are not pure? What can you ask God for them? How many people does God want to be pure? How many

people have to be pure to get to heaven? Why do you wish that all the people were pure?

What do people have to do to be pure? How do they have to use their bodies? What must they keep from thinking about? What do pure people keep from doing? What do they keep from talking about? What do they keep from listening to? What do they keep from thinking about?

Who is the purest creature that ever lived on earth? Who is as pure as the angels? What will the Blessed Virgin do for you?

Thank God, children, because He has taught you how to be pure all your life. There are no people in the world so miserable as those who are not pure. Pray for them often. Ask God to have mercy on them. God loves those who are pure; He wants the pure alone to be with Him in heaven. Nobody can be good unless he is pure; nobody can get to heaven unless he is pure.

TEST QUESTIONS: 1. What do the Sixth and Ninth Commandments tell us? 2. How must we use our body? 3. How must we use our eyes? 4. How must we use our hands?

NINETEENTH LESSON

The Seventh Commandment

"Thou shalt not steal."

The Seventh Commandment tells us to give to all people what belongs to them.
Bad people steal.
It is good to give to poor people.
God gives us all that we have.

Now, children, I see that you know many things about God's Commandments. It is so good that you know just what God wants you to do.

Will you tell me again where we got the Commandments? How did God give us the Ten Commandments? Tell the story of Moses. Why did God give us the Ten Commandments? Why does God want us to be good?

How do we know what the Ten Commandments mean? Who sent the Catholic Church to teach us? In what holy book are the Commandments written?

And so God tells you what is good to do. He tells you how to love Him and how to do good to everybody. (*Take a book or pencil or something*

and ask): Whose is this? (*To the one to whom it belongs*): Why do you want to keep it? Why can not somebody else keep it? Why would it be wrong for somebody else to take it?

Why do you think we always give to others what belongs to them? Who wants us to give to others what belongs to them? What Commandment tells us to give to others what belongs to them?

Say the Seventh Commandment. What does it mean to steal? What does anybody do when he takes what belongs to others? Whom does he disobey when he steals? Why do you think God wants everybody to have what belongs to him?

Why is it bad to take what belongs to somebody else? What Commandment tells us that? What kind of people always give to others what belongs to them? What do good people do when they find something that belongs to others? Why do they always give it back to the one that owns it? Who wants them to do that?

Yes, children, good people are always honest. They give to others what belongs to them, and they always pay what they owe to others.

Why do good people always give back what they borrow? Why do they want to give to every-

body what belongs to him? If somebody leaves something and forgets, why would you tell him about it or take it to him? Who wants us all to have what belongs to us?

Why do you always leave other people's things alone? How do you know that you ought to give to everybody what belongs to him? What Commandment tells you that? Who gave us the Seventh Commandment? Which Church teaches us what the Seventh Commandment means? Who sent the Catholic Church to teach us?

Why do good people try to keep from breaking what belongs to others? Who wants people to pay for what they spoil or break? What Commandment tells them to do that?

Why are good people always careful with what belongs to others? Who wants them to be careful with other people's things? When did God tell us that?

Children, I am very glad you know that God wants you to be careful with what belongs to others. You know God wants everybody to have what belongs to him. That is why you try to keep from breaking or spoiling what belongs to others.

Children, you know there are some people who have never had a chance to learn the things that

you know about God. Some don't even know that God loves them. Some don't even know the Commandments. They don't know that they should give to others what belongs to them. Then there are some who don't want to do what God tells them to do.

What kind of people do you think don't want to do what God wants them to do? What kind of people take what belongs to others? Say the Seventh Commandment. Whom do you obey when you give to others what belongs to them?

What kind of people steal? Whom do people disobey when they steal? When will God forgive people that steal? For what must they be sorry? What must they promise? What must they pay back?

Why do you pity people that steal? What can you do for them? Why would you forgive people that steal from you? Why would you ask God to forgive them, too?

Whom does God love? Why does God love all the people in the world? Where do all the people in the world come from? To whom do they belong?

Why do you love all the people in the world? What would you like to do for poor people? Why does God let some people be very poor? Whom

does He want to help them? Who wants you to help poor people? How do you show that you love poor people?

Who made us all? Who made the world? Who gave us life? Who takes care of us? Who gives us all that we have? Why does God give us all that we have? Why does God love us?

How do you think God wants us to use the things that He gives us? Who wants us to do good with the things that God gives us? Why does God let some people be very rich? Whom does God tell to help the poor people most? What do good people thank God for?

Now, tell me again about the Seventh Commandment. What does the Seventh Commandment tell us to do? What do good people do when they find something? What do they do if they break or spoil what belongs to others? What do people that steal have to do if they want God to forgive them?

Yes, children, good people are honest. They respect what belongs to others. They try to help others as God helps us.

TEST QUESTIONS: 1. What does the Seventh Commandment tell us? 2. What kind of people steal? 3. To whom is it good to give? 4. Who gives us all that we have?

TWENTIETH LESSON

The Eighth Commandment

"Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor."

The Eighth Commandment tells us to tell the truth.
Good people always tell the truth.
Bad people tell lies.
We must say only good things about others.

Well, children, you have told me many things that God wants us to do. You have told me much about the Commandments.

Why did God give us the Commandments? Why does He want us to know how to be good? Why do you always try to obey God? What will God give you if you obey Him?

Who made you so that you can talk? Who wants you always to tell the truth? What kind of people always tell the truth? Whom do you obey when you tell the truth? In what Commandment did God tell us to tell the truth?

Why do you always tell the truth? What Commandment tells you to tell the truth? Whom do people disobey when they tell lies? What Commandment do they break?

Who loves the truth? Why does God love the truth? What Church always teaches the truth? Who wants you to love the truth? God loves the truth. He loves those who tell the truth always. We can always believe people who tell the truth. What kind of people always have courage to tell the truth? Who wants you to have courage to tell the truth?

You know, children, the martyrs died for the truth. The pagans used to try to make them deny our holy Faith. They wanted them to say that they did not believe what the Catholic Church teaches. If they would say they didn't believe the pagans would set them free. But if they still believed they would torture them. Sometimes they would cut out their tongue, or cut off their nose and their ears. Sometimes they would throw them to wild beasts or burn them to death. But the holy martyrs loved the truth. So they were happy to die for the truth.

When does it take courage to tell the truth? How did the martyrs show great courage? For what did they die? What does the Eighth Commandment tell you to do? What Commandment tells you to tell the truth? Who is pleased when you always tell the truth?

What kind of people tell the truth always no

matter what might happen to them? Who loves the truth? Why does God love the truth? Why do you love the truth?

Why do we believe all that God tells us? Why are we sure that God always tells us what is true? Why do we believe all that our Lord and the Apostles taught? Why do you believe all that the Catholic Church teaches?

Why do you believe all that good people tell you? Why does God want you to tell the truth always? Whom do you obey when you tell the truth? What kind of people do you believe? Why did the martyrs suffer and die? Where are the martyrs now?

What can you ask the martyrs to do for you? What will they do for you if you ask them? When will they help you love the truth more?

What kind of people always tell the truth? Why do good people always tell the truth? Why have they always courage to tell the truth?

Why do you believe all that the Catholic Church teaches? Who sent the Catholic Church to teach the truth? Who wants you to love the truth always?

Who do you think was the first ever to tell a lie? Yes, the devil was the first. Do you know what the devil is often called? He is called the father of lies.

What kind of people tell lies? Who taught bad people to tell lies? Why does the devil want people to lie? Why is it so bad to tell lies? Whom do people disobey when they tell lies? When will God forgive people that tell lies? For what must they be sorry? What do they have to promise? What can you do for people that tell lies?

How many people does God love? Why does God love all the people in the world? Whose children are they? How many people do you love?

How do you think God wants you to speak about others? Why do you think God wants you to speak well of others? How many of them does God love? What is the Eighth Commandment?

Why is it very bad to tell falsehoods about others? What does anybody have to do if he tells lies about others? When will God forgive him? What does he have to make up for? Whom does he have to ask to forgive him?

Why do good people keep from telling falsehoods about others? What Commandments tells them not to? Why is it wrong to tell other people's faults? What must anybody do if he has harmed others that way? Whom must he ask to forgive him?

Why do you always try to say good things about

others? Who wants you to do so? Never talk about others unless you have something good to say about them. It is wrong to talk about other's faults.

What is the Eighth Commandment? What does the Eighth Commandment tell you to do? Why does God want you always to tell the truth? Who loves the truth?

Who is the father of lies? Why does the devil try to make people tell lies? What is the worst kind of lie? What kind of lie is it to tell falsehoods about others?

How do you always like to talk about others? Why do you keep from telling other people's faults? Who died for the truth? Why do you love the truth?

Pray every day, children, and ask God to help you love the truth. God will help you to be good and truthful. Thank God for teaching you to love the truth.

TEST QUESTIONS: 1. What does the Eighth Commandment tell us? 2. What kind of people always tell the truth? 3. What kind of people tell lies? 4. What kind of things must we say about others?

TWENTY-FIRST LESSON

The Tenth Commandment

"Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods."

The Tenth Commandment tells us not to desire what belongs to others.
We must be contented with what we have.
God knows best what is good for us.
We must thank God for all that we have.

Children, you have often told me how our Heavenly Father loves us. Whose children are we all? Why do we all love one another? Why do you love everybody? What does God want us to do for one another? Who wants us to help one another?

What does God want us to do for sick people? What does He want us to do for people that are very poor? What does God want us to do for bad people? What can we ask God to do for bad people? Who wants us all to pray for one another?

Why are you glad when others are good? Whom will they love when they are good? Who gives them all that they need? Who gave them all life?

Why are you glad when others have good things? How many people do you love? Who gives them their good things? Why are you glad when others are happy? Who makes them happy?

Why are you glad when others have a beautiful home? Why do you like to see others happy? Why are you glad when others learn their lessons well? Why are you glad when others are praised?

That is fine, children. You are happy when others are happy. You love everybody that God loves. You like to make others happy. See how God has given you a kind and loving heart! He has taught you to love everybody. That is why you are glad when others have good things.

What Commandment tells us not to desire what belongs to others? Say the Tenth Commandment. Who gave you a kind and loving heart? Who taught you to love everybody? How much do you love God?

You know bad people don't like others to have better things than they have. That is why you keep from wishing for what belongs to others.

What people keep from wishing for what belongs to others? Whom do you obey when you keep from wishing for what belongs to others? Why are you glad when others have many good things? Why are you glad when others are

happy? Why do you keep from wishing for what belongs to others? When did God tell you that? What Commandment tells you that?

Why do you love everybody? How do you feel when others are happy? How do you feel when others are very good? How do you feel if other children have nice clothes? How do you feel if other children have nice playthings? Who is pleased when you love others like that?

Yes, God is pleased when you are good and kind to others. God gives us all that is good for us. He knows best what is good for us. In heaven we will have all that we can ever wish for.

Why did God make us? What will we have in heaven? How long will we be with God in heaven? How long will you be on the earth? How many people will die some day? What does God want you to do on earth? How do you serve God? Whom do you serve when you pray? Whom do you serve when you go to church? Whom do you serve when you obey your parents? Whom do you serve when you do good to others? Whom do you serve when you keep the Commandments? Why do you serve God? What do people do when they love God?

So that is why you live on earth. You live here to love God. And you serve God because you

love Him. That is why you are always contented no matter what you have on earth.

When will God give you all that is good? When will you have everything that you can desire? Why are you always contented with what you have on earth? Who wants you to be contented with what you have?

What does God give you? Who knows best what is good for you? What makes poor people happy? What will they have in heaven? How long will they be happy in heaven? What makes sick people happy? When will they be strong and healthy?

What do you have to do to get to heaven? What Church teaches us how to be good? Who gave us the Catholic Church? Why are good people contented even if others are much richer than they? When will they have all that they can desire? Why are good people contented no matter who have more than they? Who wants them to be contented?

Yes, God made us to be happy forever in heaven. It does not matter how much we have to suffer on earth. God will reward us in heaven. We live here only to serve God and to show that we love Him.

What is the Seventh Commandment? What

does the Seventh Commandment tell us? Which Commandment tells us not to wish for what belongs to others? Who wants others to have what belongs to them? Who wants you to be careful with other people's things?

Why do you like to make others happy? Why do you love everybody? When you love people, what do you want them to have? Why do you think God wants you to be good to everybody? Whom does God love? Who gives people the good things they have?

Who knows best what is good for us? What does God give us? Who gives us all that is good for us? When will God give us what we pray for? If it is not good for us, what will God do? Who knows best what is good for us to have? Who gives us all that will help us get to heaven?

Why does God want us all to get to heaven? Why does He want us to be with Him? Whom do you thank for all that you have? Why should poor people thank God? Why should sick people thank God? Why should people thank God when they are sad?

Why do you keep from wishing for what belongs to others? Why are you contented even if God gives more to others than to you? Who gives you all that is good for you?

If somebody asked you to tell him about God's love, what would you tell him? What shows how God loves us? If he asked you how poor people can be happy, what would you say? If he asked you how sick people can be happy, what would you say? If he asked you why you are kind and loving to others, what would you say?

Thank God, children, every day of your lives. God is our Heavenly Father who loves us. In heaven God will reward us for all that we suffer in this world. Try every day to serve God; try to love God more and more as long as you live. Then you will be happy in heaven forever when you die.

TEST QUESTIONS: 1. What does the Tenth Commandment tell us? 2. With what must we be contented? 3. Who knows best what is good for us? 4. Whom must we thank for all that we have?

TWENTY-SECOND LESSON

Sin

Sin makes people bad.
Sin means to disobey God.
Mortal sin sends people to hell.
Venial sin displeases God.

Children, you have told me often why God made us. Will you tell me again? And why does God want us all to go to heaven? What kind of people go to heaven? Where do bad people go when they die?

Who are the bad people? What do they do to be bad? Who tries to keep people from doing what God wants them to do? Who hates God? Why does the devil try to turn people away from God?

Yes, children, God wants everybody to be good. Do you know what makes people bad? Sin makes people bad.

What made some of the angels bad? What did sin do to the angels? What did it turn them into?

What turned the angels into devils? What makes people bad? Whom do they disobey when they sin? What sin did the bad angels commit? What did they refuse to do? Whom do people disobey when they do not keep the Commandments? What does it mean to disobey God? What does it mean to sin?

What is the First Commandment? What does the First Commandment tell us to do? Which Commandment tells us to serve God? What does it mean not to serve God? Which Church tells us to pray? What is it never to pray?

What is the Second Commandment? What does it mean to take God's name in vain? What do people commit who curse or swear?

What is the Third Commandment? Whom do people disobey when they neglect Mass on Sundays or Holy Days? What kind of a sin is it to neglect Mass on Sundays or Holy Days? Whom do they disobey when they work on Sundays or Holy Days?

What is the Fourth Commandment? What bad thing is it to disobey parents? What is the Fifth Commandment? What do people commit when they fight and quarrel?

What is the Sixth Commandment? Why do you keep from bad thoughts, bad words, bad

things? What is the Seventh Commandment? What do people commit when they steal? What does it mean to break or spoil what belongs to others? What is the Eighth Commandment? What is it when people tell lies? Whom do they disobey when they tell lies? What does it mean to sin?

What is the Ninth Commandment? Whom do people disobey when they wish for bad things? What is it when any one disobeys God? What is the Tenth Commandment? Whom do people disobey when they wish for what belongs to others?

Whom do people disobey when they break one of the Commandments? From whom do they turn away when they commit a sin? When will God forgive those who commit sin? What must they be sorry for? What must they promise God? Why did the bad angels turn against God? Which of the angels were proud? What sin did the bad angels commit? Whom did they disobey?

What two Commandments tell you to be pure? What is the Sixth Commandment? What is the Ninth Commandment? Why does God want you to keep from thinking about bad things? Who wants you to be pure?

When do people commit a sin by thinking? What do they commit when they think about bad

things? Who always knows what you are thinking about? Why do you keep from thinking about things that you would be ashamed to talk about? Who wants you to keep your thoughts pure? Why do you turn away from people who talk bad? What would anybody commit if he listened to those things? What Commandment tells you to keep bad things out of your mind? Whom do people disobey when they do not do what God tells them? When will God forgive people that sin? What must they be sorry for? What must they promise God?

What does God want us to do? Why does God want us always to do good? Who wants us to go to heaven? Why does God want us to go to heaven? Whom do you obey when you do good?

What did the bad angels commit? What kind of a sin did the bad angels commit? What did that big sin do to the angels? Where did it send them?

Do you know what big sins are called? They are called mortal sins. Only mortal sins send people to hell.

What kind of sins send people to hell? Where do mortal sins send people? What kind of sin did the bad angels commit? Which angels committed a mortal sin? What is a big sin called?

Against whom did the bad angels turn when they committed mortal sin?

What did mortal sin do to the bad angels? Where did it send them? What do you think is the worst thing in the world? What is the only thing that can send people to hell? Whose fault is it if anybody goes to hell?

What must people do if they want God to forgive them mortal sin? For what must they be sorry? What must they promise? How bad is mortal sin? Where does it send people?

Little sins are called venial sins. Venial sins do not send people to hell. But good people always try to avoid venial sins. Whom do you think venial sins displease? Why do you always try to avoid venial sins?

What kind of sin is it to get angry? What kind of sin is it to forget and disobey your parents? What kind of sin is it to forget and say unkind things to others? What kind of sin is it to tell a little falsehood? What kind of sin is it to fight and quarrel without thinking? What kind of sin is it to pout and be stubborn without wanting to be bad?

How do you think the devil tries to get people to commit mortal sin? Who tries first to get them to commit venial sin? Who tries to keep you

away from sin? What does your guardian angel try to keep you from? Why does your guardian angel try to keep you from venial sin, too? Whom do people love less when they commit venial sin?

What kind of sin sends people to hell? Why do good people hate mortal sin? From whom does mortal sin turn people? Who were the first that ever committed sin? Where are the bad angels now?

To whom do you pray to keep from sin? Who helps you avoid sin? What do you ask God to do when you pray? When will the Blessed Virgin help you avoid sin? When will St. Joseph help you avoid sin? When will all the saints help you? What will the martyrs do for you if you ask them? What will the angels do for you if you pray to them?

Yes, children, sin is the worst thing in the world. Pray to God every day to keep you from sin. Ask the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph and all the saints and martyrs to pray for you. Ask your guardian angel to watch over you, so that you can avoid even venial sins.

TEST QUESTIONS: 1. What makes people bad? 2. What does sin mean? 3. What does mortal sin do to people? 4. Whom does venial sin displease?

TWENTY-THIRD LESSON

Original Sin

Adam was the first man.
Eve was the first woman.
Adam and Eve were very happy at first.
Adam and Eve fell into sin.

Children, you told me about sin the last time you were here. You told me how awful it is when anybody falls into sin. You told me that sin is the worst thing in the world. You told me that mortal sin sends people to hell forever.

Now if some one asked you why sin is so bad, what would you say? What makes people bad? What turns people away from God? What did sin do to the bad angels?

Whom do people disobey when they commit sin? Why do you always try to obey God? What do people do when they love God? What kind of sin sends people to hell? What are little sins called? Why do you always try to avoid venial sins? Whom do venial sins displease?

Where do all the people in the world come from?

Whom did God make? Do you know who was the first man that God made? Adam was the first man that God made.

I will tell you about Adam. You know God made the earth and the sun and the moon and the stars. Then there was nothing on the earth. So God made the trees and the flowers and the plants and the grass. Then God made the animals. He made horses, and cows, and sheep, and lions, and tigers, and all kinds of animals. He also made the birds and the fishes.

Then there were no people on the earth. So God made man. Do you know how God made the first man? He took some clay out of the earth and turned it into a man's body. Then He put a soul into the body. As soon as God put the soul into the body, the man came to life. This first man knew everything around him at once. He could think and talk as soon as God made him. God gave him the name of Adam.

Now, if somebody asks you who was the first man, what will you tell him? If somebody asks you how God made the first man, what will you tell him? How did God make Adam's body? How did God bring Adam's body to life?

What did God make before He made Adam? Why did God make all those things? For whom

did God make them? Why did God make the earth? What place did God make for us to live in?

Where could Adam get things to eat? Where do all the people in the world get things to eat? Who gives us these things?

What did God give Adam after He made his body? How long will your soul live? How will you live after your body dies? What can you do after your body dies? How can you know things? To whom is the soul like? What part of us is like to God? Who is the greatest spirit? What kind of beings are the angels? Why is our soul like the angels? What part of us is a spirit?

Adam was all alone after God made him. There was nobody else on earth. So God made Adam a wife. Do you know how God made Adam's wife? He put Adam asleep. Then He took out one of Adam's ribs. He turned this rib into a woman's body. As soon as God gave the woman a soul she came to life. God gave her the name of Eve.

When Adam awoke he was surprised to see Eve. But he was very happy. Then Adam and Eve lived together. After that God gave them many children. Their first children were Cain and Abel.

Now what could you tell anybody about the

first woman? Why was Adam all alone at first? Where did he get his wife? How did God make Eve's body? How did Eve come to life? How long will your soul live? How long will Adam's soul live? How long will Eve's soul live?

In what book do we read about Adam and Eve? Who wrote the Bible? What Church tells us all that the Bible means? Who sent the Catholic Church to teach us?

Who made Adam and Eve very good? Who loved them very much? Yes, God loved Adam and Eve very much. They were very good and very holy. They loved God very much.

What kind of people are happy? What must anybody do to be happy? What kind of people are miserable? What makes people bad? Where does mortal sin send people? When were Adam and Eve very happy? Why were they happy at first? When were they good and holy?

Yes, Adam and Eve were very happy. God made them a very beautiful garden. It was filled with beautiful flowers and fruits. It was called Paradise, or the Garden of Eden.

Adam and Eve had everything they wanted. They didn't have to work. They didn't get sick; they never had to suffer; they would never grow old; they would never die. All they had to do

was to obey God, then God would take them to heaven.

Where did Adam and Eve live? What kind of place was the Garden of Eden? What did Adam and Eve have there? What did God want Adam and Eve to do? How did God want them to show that they loved Him? What would God do for Adam and Eve if they obeyed Him? Where would God take them?

God wanted Adam and Eve to obey Him. He told them not to eat the fruit from one of the trees in the Garden of Eden. He let them eat the fruit from all the other trees. But He wanted them to show that they loved Him. So He asked them to obey Him just to show that they loved Him. He told them that they would have to die if they ate the fruit from that tree.

What do you think Adam and Eve should have done? Why should they have obeyed God? What do you show when you obey God? Indeed, you are right, children. Adam and Eve should have obeyed God. But they didn't obey Him. They ate the fruit that God told them not to eat. So they committed a great sin.

What did Adam and Eve commit when they disobeyed God? Why did God want Adam and Eve to obey Him? Who loved Adam and Eve

very much? Where did God want to take Adam and Eve? Who do you think made Adam and Eve disobey God?

Yes, the devil made Adam and Eve disobey God. You know the devil was jealous because Adam and Eve were so good. He saw how happy Adam and Eve were. So he came and told Eve a lie. He told her that if they would eat that fruit they would be as great as God. That made them proud. So they ate the fruit.

What do you think happened to Adam and Eve after they disobeyed God? How did they feel after that? Why were they miserable? When are people happy? What place did Adam and Eve have to leave? Why would they have to die after that? Why could they not go to heaven after that?

Just think what Adam and Eve lost by their sin! They lost heaven. Nobody after that could ever go to heaven unless God would free them from sin. But God was sorry for Adam and Eve. So He promised to send our Lord to free all the people from sin. Our Lord came about four thousand years after that.

What did Adam and Eve lose by their sin? How could anybody get to heaven after that? How did God feel for Adam and Eve? What did

God promise Adam and Eve? When did our Lord come to free us from sin?

See how God loves us, children. He took pity on Adam and Eve when they fell into sin. So He promised to free them from sin. That is why our Lord was born into the world.

Now if some one asked you to tell him about Adam and Eve's sin, what would you tell him? What did Adam and Eve do? Why was that a great sin? Whom did they disobey?

What happened to Adam and Eve after they fell into sin? What did they lose? Why could nobody get to heaven after that? What did Adam and Eve have to suffer? How many people have to die because of Adam and Eve's sin? Why do we all have to die?

Who made Adam and Eve commit sin? Why did the devil make Adam and Eve commit sin? Whom does the devil hate? Where did he want to take Adam and Eve? Who saved us from hell?

What did the devil make Adam and Eve believe? How did he make them proud? What made the bad angels fall into sin? What made them proud? Why did they refuse to obey God?

Why do you like to obey God always? How many of us does God love? What will God do for you when you obey Him all your life? What

brought all the misery into the world? What makes people bad and miserable? What is the only thing that can send people to hell?

Do you know, children, we all have to suffer for the sin of Adam and Eve. We are all born in the sin of Adam and Eve. That is why we have to be baptized. That is how our Lord takes away the sin of Adam and Eve from us. That is why we have to be baptized to go to heaven.

For whose sin do we all have to suffer? Why do we all have to die? Why do we all have to suffer and get sick? In what sin are we born? Who takes away Adam and Eve's sin from our soul? When does our Lord take away Adam and Eve's sin from us?

Now, if somebody asked you what brought all the misery into the world, what would you tell him? If he asked you what brought death into the world, what would you tell him? If he asked you why we have to suffer so much on earth, what would you tell him? How many people have to suffer for Adam and Eve's sin?

What takes away Adam and Eve's sin from us? Why do you hate sin so much? What does sin do to people? Where does mortal sin send them?

The sin we are born in is called original sin.

Original sin comes down from Adam and Eve. We are all born in original sin. In what sin are we born? What is that sin called? What, then, is original sin?

What is the worst thing in the world? Whom will you ask to keep you from sin? Whom did God send to help keep you from sin? Thank God, children, because He keeps you from sin. Pray to your guardian angel every day. Ask him to watch over you so that you can always obey God.

TEST QUESTIONS: 1. Who was the first man? 2. Who was the first woman? 3. When were Adam and Eve happy? 4. What evil did Adam and Eve do?

TWENTY-FOURTH LESSON

The Birth of Christ

Jesus Christ came to free us from sin.
Our Lord was born in Bethlehem.
Our Lord has always been God.
Our Lord became man when He was born in Bethlehem.

Children, you told me about Adam and Eve. Will you tell me about them again? How did God make Adam's body? How did God make Eve's body? What part of us will live forever?

What kind of people were Adam and Eve when God made them? What made them happy? Where did they live? What did God want Adam and Eve to do? Whom did Adam and Eve disobey?

What happened to Adam and Eve after they fell into sin? What did the sin of Adam and Eve do to us? How does the sin of Adam and Eve come to us? What sin are we born in? What brought all the misery into the world? What brought sickness and death into the world?

What did Adam and Eve lose by their sin?

What did all the people lose by the sin of Adam and Eve? Why could nobody go to heaven after that?

What is the worst thing in the world? What did sin do to the bad angels? How long will the bad angels have to stay in hell? When do people turn away from God? What kind of sin makes them turn away from God?

When did Adam and Eve turn away from God? Who can take people back when they turn away from God? When does God take them back? Who came to bring all the people back to God? Why did our Lord come from heaven? Why did our Lord want to free us from sin? Why could nobody ever go to heaven if our Lord hadn't come?

Why does God want us all to go to heaven? Why did Jesus Christ come into the world? What did He free us from? Which person of the Blessed Trinity is Jesus Christ?

See how God loves us. He sent our Lord to save us from sin. Our Lord is God the Son. If He hadn't come we could never have gone to heaven.

To whom do you think people belong when they commit sin? When do people belong to the devil? Do you know where our Lord was born? He was born in Bethlehem. I will tell you about it.

You know it was a long, long time ago. It was nineteen hundred years ago. There were some poor men watching their sheep one night. They were out in the fields alone. It was very still in the night. All at once they heard beautiful singing. Then the sky was lighted as if there was a big fire. They looked, and what do you think they saw? They saw many angels there. The angels were singing.

Just imagine how surprised the shepherds were! They just stood there and listened until the angels stopped singing. Then one of the angels spoke to them. He told them that they had brought them good news from heaven. He told them that our Lord had just been born. He told them that our Lord had come to free us from sin.

Imagine how happy the shepherds were! The angel told them to go to Bethlehem and there they would find a little baby lying in a manger. That was our Lord.

You may be sure the shepherds hurried away. When they reached the stable, they found our Lord lying in the manger just as the angel had told them.

The poor shepherds were very happy to see the Blessed Infant. They all knelt and prayed to Him. I am sure they must have kissed His little

hands, too. They gave Him some little presents that they had brought. Then they went back to their sheep as happy as they could be.

Now, if some one asks you why our Lord came to earth, what will you tell him? Why could nobody ever get to heaven if God hadn't come? If somebody asked you to tell how our Lord came, what would you say? Where was our Lord born?

Who was born on Christmas? Why are you happy on Christmas? Why do we have to go to Mass on Christmas? On what days do we have to go to Mass? What would you have done if you had been with the shepherds when they went to Bethlehem on the first Christmas? Why do you think people give Christmas presents? Who gave presents to the Blessed Infant in Bethlehem?

What does the Christmas crib make you think about? What makes you think of how our Lord was born? What do you do when you kneel before the Christmas crib? To whom do you pray then?

Everybody wants to be happy on Christmas. Do you know why Christmas is the happiest day in the year? It is because that is the day on which our Lord was born. That is the day on which our Lord came to free us from sin.

Where did our Lord come from? How long do you think our Lord had lived in heaven? How long has our Lord been God? What divine person is our Lord? Who is God the Son?

What is our Lord's name? Why do you honor the name of Jesus? What is the most holy of all names? What do you do when you hear the holy name of Jesus? What do good men do when they hear the holy name of Jesus?

How long has Jesus Christ been God? How much can our Lord do? How much does our Lord know? How long will our Lord be God?

Why did Jesus Christ come to save us from sin? Why is Jesus Christ called our Saviour? Who came to save us from hell? Why did our Saviour want to save us from hell? What shows that He loves us?

Where does our Saviour want us to go when we die? What do good people thank our Saviour for? Why is Jesus Christ called our Redeemer? Who came to free us from sin? Why did our Redeemer free us from sin? What shows that He loves us? From what sin did our Redeemer free us? How does the sin of Adam and Eve come to us? What sin is called original sin?

What person of the Blessed Trinity is our Lord? How long has our Lord been God? How long will

our Lord be God? Where was our Lord born? When was our Lord born?

Who is our Lord's mother? Why do we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary? How big was our Lord when He was born? Why did the shepherds pray to the Blessed Infant?

What can our Lord do? What person of the Blessed Trinity was born in Bethlehem? Who took care of our Lord when He was a little baby?

Our Lord was always God. But He became man only when He came to earth. Now our Lord is God and He is man, too. What can God do? What did our Saviour want to save us from? Why is our Lord called our Redeemer? What did He free us from? How did our Lord become a boy and then a man? Where did our Lord live when He was a little boy?

Just think how much God loves us, children. God the Son came down to earth because He loves us. He was a little baby, and then a boy, and then a big man because He loves us. He suffered and died to save us from hell. Thank God all your lives for all His love for us.

TEST QUESTIONS: 1. Who came to free us from sin? 2. Where was our Lord born? 3. How long has our Lord been God? 4. When did our Lord become man?

TWENTY-FIFTH LESSON

The Blessed Virgin Mary

The Blessed Virgin Mary is our Lord's mother.
We pray to the Blessed Virgin Mary every day.
The Blessed Virgin Mary prays for us.
St. Joseph took care of our Lord and the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Children, tell me about our Lord again. Tell me about the shepherds and the angels. Where did the shepherds find the little Infant Jesus?

Who was with the Blessed Infant when the shepherds came? Who is our Lord's mother? Who is the purest creature that ever lived on earth? Who was always free from original sin? Why did God want to keep His blessed mother free from sin? Whom did He love best on earth?

What did the Blessed Virgin do for our Lord when He was a little baby? Who put on His little clothes for Him? Who gave Him His little bath? Who fed Him and gave Him a drink?

Who used to sing the holy child Jesus to sleep? Who would kiss Him and hug Him? Who was always happy to hold the divine Infant in her arms? What do you think St. Joseph liked to do

sometimes, too? What would you like to do if you had been there when our Lord was a little baby?

Who taught you to talk when you were a baby? Who taught the little child Jesus to talk? Who was happy when she heard Him say the words she told Him? What do you think St. Joseph would often teach the blessed child Jesus? Who taught the little child Jesus to walk? Who was happy when she first saw Him walk? Why do you love your mother so much?

Whom did the child Jesus love very much? Around whose neck would He often put His little arms? Whom would the little child Jesus kiss when He was going to bed? To whom would He run in the morning?

Just think, children, how our Lord must love the Blessed Virgin Mary. She is His own mother. What person of the Blessed Trinity is our Lord? Who is God's mother? Imagine how happy the Blessed Virgin Mary was! Our Lord was her own little baby. Just think how much He must love her! After the little child Jesus learned to walk, He would go out with His mother and St. Joseph for a walk sometimes. The Blessed Virgin would take the little child Jesus by the hand when they went for a walk.

What do you think the blessed boy Jesus always did for His mother and St. Joseph? Why did He always obey them? What made the blessed boy Jesus always cheerful? Why did He always try to make others happy? Why was the holy child Jesus always very kind to other children?

Now, children, if some one asked you to tell him about our Lord, what would you say? Where was our Lord born? Why did our Lord come to earth? Which divine person is our Lord?

If some one asked you to tell Him about the Blessed Virgin, what would you say? Who is the Blessed Virgin's Son? What did she do for our Lord? Whom do you think our Lord loves best of all? What did God keep His blessed mother free from?

Whom did our Lord love very much when He grew to be a man? Who used to sit and talk with the Blessed Virgin often? Who would do anything the Blessed Virgin asked Him? Why would our Lord do anything His blessed mother asked Him to do?

Do you know how long our Lord lived with His blessed mother and St. Joseph? He lived with them until He was thirty years old. They lived in a little town called Nazareth. They lived in a little house there.

Who do you think used to sweep the floor and take care of the house? Who do you think used to make the beds and prepare the meals? Who do you think used to wash the clothes? Why was the Blessed Virgin very happy to do all that for our Lord?

Why do you like to do things for our Lord? Where is God's house? Whose house is the church? Who can help make God's house beautiful? Who can give money to keep God's house? Who wants us all to love the Blessed Virgin Mary? Why does our Lord want us all to love the Blessed Virgin Mary? Whose mother is she?

How do you show that you love God's mother? Say the Hail Mary. Why does it please our Lord when you pray to His blessed mother?

Do you know how to say the Rosary? If not, you will soon learn. We pray to God's mother when we say the Rosary. Good people try to say the Rosary every day. We think about our Lord and His blessed mother when we say the Rosary.

Who do you think was the purest creature that ever lived on earth? Who is our Lord's mother? Who is the only creature on earth that was always free from the sin of Adam and Eve? Why do you think the Blessed Virgin was always free from

the sin of Adam and Eve? Whose mother is she? Why do you think God kept His blessed mother free from sin? Whom does He love best?

Yes, children, our Lord loves His blessed mother very much. She is in heaven now with her divine Son. She is our mother, too. You know our Lord gave us His blessed mother to be our mother, too. Do you know when our Lord gave us His blessed mother for our mother? It was when He was hanging on the cross.

Now, if some one asked you why you pray to the Blessed Virgin, what would you say? Whose mother is she? Why do you love the Blessed Virgin so much? Who was the purest creature that ever lived on earth? Who is our mother in heaven?

Why do you think the Blessed Virgin loves us very much? What kind of children does she want you to be? Who was as pure as the angels? Who wants you to be pure always?

Why does God want you to pray to the Blessed Virgin? How do you show that you love her? What prayer do you say to her? How often do you say the Angelus? When does the Angelus bell ring? Whom do you honor when you say the Angelus?

What do you ask God's mother to do for you

when you say the Hail Mary? Why do you say: Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us? Whom do you ask to pray for you?

How often will the Blessed Virgin pray for you? Who will pray for you whenever you ask her? To whom does our Blessed Mother pray for us? Why will God always give the Blessed Virgin what she asks? Whose mother is the Blessed Virgin? Whom does our Lord love best of all?

Where is the Blessed Virgin Mary now? Where did the Blessed Virgin live on earth? Who lived with the Blessed Virgin on earth? How long did our Lord live with His mother and St. Joseph? Who was the Blessed Virgin's little baby?

What did the Blessed Virgin do for the divine child? Why do you think our Lord gives the Blessed Virgin what she prays for? Why will God always help you if the Blessed Virgin prays for you? When will the Blessed Virgin pray for you?

Where do you think is the Blessed Virgin's body? It is in heaven, too. When the Blessed Virgin died, God took her body and soul into heaven. God loved His blessed mother so much that He would not leave her body in the grave.

Do you know on what day God took His blessed mother into heaven? It was on Assumption

Day. That is August the fifteenth. It is a Holy Day.[1] Everybody has to go to Mass on that day.

What did God do for His blessed mother when she died? Where is the Blessed Virgin's body now? Why did God take the Blessed Virgin's body to heaven? On what day did God take His blessed mother to heaven? When is the feast of the Assumption? What does everybody have to do on the feast of the Assumption? Why does everybody have to go to Mass on that day?

What does the Blessed Virgin Mary do for us? How often will the Blessed Virgin pray for you? What Litany do you say to our Blessed Mother? What do you ask of our Blessed Mother when you say the Litany?

When is the feast of the Immaculate Conception? Why do we honor God's blessed mother on that day? When do we honor her because she was always free from sin? What does everybody have to do on the feast of the Immaculate Conception? Why do we all have to go to Mass on that day?

Who was the blessed Virgin Mary's husband? Why was St. Joseph very happy to be with our

[1] The feast of the Assumption is not a Holy Day in Great Britain and Canada, but the feast of the Epiphany is a Holy Day.

Lord's blessed mother? Who took care of our Lord and the Blessed Virgin? Who made St. Joseph very holy? Who made St. Joseph very pure?

St. Joseph was very happy. He was very holy and he was the purest man in the world. You know God the Father is our Lord's father. He sent St. Joseph to take care of the child Jesus and His blessed mother.

Do you know what St. Joseph did for our Lord and the Blessed Virgin? He worked for them. He was a carpenter. He used to make tables and chairs and things like that.

Who used to help St. Joseph with his work? Why was St. Joseph happy to have our Lord work with him? To whom would our Lord talk when they were working? Why did our Lord love St. Joseph very much?

To whom does St. Joseph pray for you? Why will God help you when St. Joseph prays for you? Why does our Lord love St. Joseph so much? What did St. Joseph do for God's blessed mother? What did St. Joseph do for the holy child Jesus? Where is St. Joseph now?

Who were with St. Joseph when he died? What made St. Joseph very happy when he was dying? What kind of people are happy when they are

dying? Why are good people so happy when they are dying?

What do you have to do to be happy when you are dying? Who will help you to have a happy death if you ask him? What, then, will you ask St. Joseph to do for you? Why will you pray all your life for a happy death?

Where did St. Joseph live with our Lord? Who belonged to the Holy Family? Why did they all love one another very much? Why did they help one another?

Just think how happy was that home! Our Lord and His blessed mother and St. Joseph lived together in a little house. They were very happy. That is the way God wants every family to be. He wants them all to love one another, to be kind to one another, and to help one another. Pray to God to keep your home like the home of the Holy Family.

TEST QUESTIONS: 1. Who is our Lord's mother? 2. How often do we pray to the Blessed Virgin? 3. For whom does the Blessed Virgin pray? 4. Who took care of our Lord and the Blessed Virgin?

TWENTY-SIXTH LESSON

The Crucifixion of Our Lord

Our Lord died on the cross.
Our Lord died for our sins.
Our Lord died on Good Friday.
We shall all die some day.

Children, you told me many fine things about our Blessed Mother. Tell me some of them again. Who is our Lord's mother? What did the Blessed Virgin do for our Lord when He was a little baby? How do you show that you love the Blessed Virgin?

What prayers do you say to the Blessed Virgin? Why will you be glad to say the Rosary every day? What does the Blessed Virgin do for us? Why does the Blessed Virgin pray for us? Where does she want us to go when we die?

Whom does our Lord love best of all? Where is the Blessed Virgin now? Where is the Blessed Virgin's body? Where is St. Joseph now? What do we ask St. Joseph to do for us? When will we see the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph? When can we talk with the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph?

Where was our Lord born? How did the people learn that our Lord was born? Who told the shepherds? Who were with the child Jesus when the shepherds came?

Why was our Lord born into the world? What did He come to free us from? Where did our Lord come from? How long had our Lord lived in heaven before He was born? Which person of the Blessed Trinity is our Lord? How long has our Lord been God? How long will our Lord be God? What can our Lord do?

How long did our Lord live with His blessed mother and St. Joseph? Where did they live? How did they make a living? Who helped St. Joseph with his work? What work did the Blessed Virgin do?

Do you know what our Lord did after He went away from Nazareth? I will tell you. Our Lord went to teach the people how to be good. He took twelve men with Him. They are called the twelve Apostles. Our Lord taught them so that they would teach the people. Then He ordained them priests.

Now if some one asked you what our Lord did when He went away fron Nazareth, what would you say? Whom did our Lord take with Him? What did our Lord do for the Apostles? How

do we know what our Lord and the Apostles taught? What Church teaches us that?

Do you know how long our Lord went around teaching the people? He went for three years. He went to many places and always took the Apostles with Him. He did many wonderful things. He cured the sick. He gave sight to the blind. He made the deaf hear. He raised many dead people to life.

The people loved our Lord very much. They used to follow Him in great crowds. But there were some false teachers among them. They hated our Lord. They told falsehoods about our Lord. So they turned the people against Him. At last, they had our Lord put to death.

Do you know how they killed our Lord? They nailed Him to a cross. They drove big nails in His hands and feet. Then they planted the cross in the ground and let our Lord hang there until He died.

How long did our Lord go around teaching the people? What wonderful things did our Lord do? Who loved our Lord? Who hated our Lord?

What did the false teachers tell about our Lord? What did they do to our Lord? How did they kill Him? What did our Lord teach the people?

What Church teaches us how to be good? Who sent the Catholic Church to teach us?

Why do we honor the cross? Who died on the cross? Why do we have the cross on our churches? What does the crucifix make you think about? What makes you think how our Lord died on the cross? What does it show when you kiss the crucifix? Who died on the cross for us?

To whom do you pray when you kneel before the crucifix? Why do you pray to our Lord before the crucifix? Why do we have the crucifix in our homes? What do you want to think about every day?

Why do you make the sign of the cross? Who died on the cross? What does it show when you make the sign of the cross? How does it show that you believe in our Lord?

Our Lord suffered very much on the cross. He had to carry the cross on His shoulders up Mount Calvary. You know our Lord died on Mount Calvary.

What do you think about when you make the Stations of the Cross? Who is pleased when you make the Stations of the Cross? Why do you like to make the Stations of the Cross often? Why do you think our Lord suffered so much?

Why does our Lord love us so much? Who helped our Lord carry the cross?

When did our Lord meet His blessed mother? How far did our Lord's mother go with Him then? How long did our Lord's mother stay on Mount Calvary? What did she do when they took our Lord down from the cross?

Where did our Lord die? Who stood beside our Lord's cross until He died? When did our Lord give us His blessed mother to be our mother?

What kind of people were Adam and Eve at first? What made them bad? What sin did they commit? What sin are we all born in? Who came to free us from the sin of Adam and Eve? Who was always free from the sin of Adam and Eve? What happened to the angels when they fell into sin?

Why did our Lord come to free us from sin? Why does our Lord love us so much? Why could nobody ever go to heaven if our Lord hadn't come? Why did our Lord suffer and die? Who suffered and died for our sins?

Who saved us from hell? Why is Jesus Christ called our Saviour? Why is Jesus Christ called our Redeemer? What did He free us from? What does the crucifix make you think about?

To whom do you pray when you kneel before the

crucifix? Why do all the people kiss the crucifix on Good Friday? Who died on that day?

Just see, children, how much God loves us. God the Son was born into the world. He was born so that He could suffer and die. That is how he freed us from the sin of Adam and Eve.

What shows best how much our Lord loves us? Why did our Lord suffer and die? When could anybody get to heaven after Adam and Eve fell into sin? How long did they have to wait?

How did our Lord free us from the sin of Adam and Eve? Why do you honor the cross? Why do you make the sign of the cross? Why did our Lord want to free us from sin? Where does He want us to go when we die?

Why does our Lord want us to go to heaven? Why does He wish to have us with Him forever? What do we have to do to get to heaven? How do we know what God wants us to do? Who teaches us what the Catholic Church teaches? Who sent the priests to teach us?

On what day did our Lord die? Yes, our Lord died on Good Friday. They nailed our Lord to the cross about noon. He hung on the cross until about three o'clock in the afternoon; then He died. Then they took down our Lord's body and put it in the tomb.

Why do so many people spend three hours praying in the church on Good Friday afternoon? How many hours did our Lord hang on the cross? What hours were they? Why do we keep from eating meat on Friday? Who died on Good Friday? Why do we give up meat on that day? Why do we want to suffer something on Friday? Why do we honor the day on which our Lord died? For whom are we showing love when we honor that day?

When does Good Friday come? What is the Friday before Easter called? Why do you think we call that Friday good? Who freed us from sin that day?

Yes, that is why we call that Friday good. It is a good day for us. It is the day on which our Lord saved us from hell. It is the day on which our Lord freed us from sin.

Why do you keep from eating meat on Friday? On what day did our Lord save us from hell? On what day did our Lord free us from sin? Why do you call that day good?

Do you know where Mount Calvary is? It is a hill just outside the city of Jerusalem. Our Lord had to carry the cross up the hill. It was a very heavy cross. Our Lord fell several times on the way.

What would you like to have done for our Lord then? Why do many good people spend three hours praying in church on Good Friday? Why do you like to make the Stations of the Cross?

If some one asked you why the people turned against our Lord, what would you say? Whom did they believe? What did the false teachers tell them?

What do bad people sometimes say about the Catholic Church? Why do false teachers hate the Catholic Church?

Why did the false teachers tell false things about our Lord? Who were jealous of our Lord? Why do bad people sometimes tell false things about priests? Who teaches you what our Lord taught?

Where did our Lord die? How did our Lord die? On what day did our Lord die? Why did our Lord die?

Why did God make the earth? What place did He make for us to live in? Why did God make the animals and the fruits and everything? Why did God make you? With whom will you be in heaven? How long will you live in heaven? How many of us will die some day? Where will we go when we die? Whom will we love in heaven? Who will love us in heaven?

Where is our Heavenly Father? When will we

go to our Heavenly Father? Why does God let us die? What kind of death do good people have? Who have a happy death?

Why are good people happy when they are dying? Where are they going when they die? To whom do you pray for a happy death? Why do you pray to St. Joseph for a happy death? Who were with St. Joseph when he died? How often do good people pray for a happy death?

What kind of people are happy on earth? What makes good people happy when they are dying? Why will you try to be good all your life? Why is it good to remember that we must die some day?

Where do people never die? What will we have in heaven? When will we have our bodies in heaven? Who will be very happy in heaven?

Just think, children, how God loves us! He made us for heaven. He wants us to be with Him forever in heaven. God is our Heavenly Father. When we die we go to our Heavenly Father. Thank God every day for His great love. Think of how happy you will be in heaven forever and forever.

TEST QUESTIONS: 1. How did our Lord die? 2. Why did our Lord die? 3. On what day did our Lord die? 4. How many of us will die?

TWENTY-SEVENTH LESSON

Purgatory

Those who die in venial sin go to purgatory.
We pray for the souls in purgatory.
There will be no purgatory after the end of the world.
Souls go to heaven when they leave purgatory.

Children, you told me the last time that we all have to die some day. Where do people go when they die? Who will go to heaven? Who will go to hell? How long will good people live in heaven? How long will bad people have to suffer in hell? What kind of sin sends people to hell?

Even a venial sin will keep people from going straight to heaven. But of course you know people don't go to hell for venial sin. They go to purgatory for venial sin. Then they have to suffer in purgatory until their venial sins are taken away.

If some one asked where do people go who have venial sins, what would you say? Where do people go who die in mortal sin? Where do people go who die without any sins? What kind

of sin sends people to purgatory? What happens to people in purgatory? How long do they have to suffer in purgatory? Yes, the souls in purgatory suffer in fire, too. They burn all the time. And they don't see God in purgatory. They suffer very much.

Now tell me, what do the souls suffer in purgatory? When do they suffer in fire? When will they see God?

Sometimes people have to go to purgatory after God forgives their mortal sins. They have to do penance in purgatory; that is, when they do not do enough penance before they die. Now, children, who go to purgatory? Where do people go who die in venial sin? Who do penance in purgatory? Where do people go who do not do enough penance before they die?

Why are the souls in purgatory anxious to go to heaven? Whom do they wish to see in heaven? What do you think you can do for the souls in purgatory? Who helps them when you pray for them? Why does God help them? How many of them does He love?

Yes, children, God will help the poor souls every time you pray for them. Just think what you can do! You can help the souls in purgatory get to heaven. You can pray for all your friends

and dear ones that are dead. You can pray for all the souls in purgatory.

Now, children, what do good people do for the souls in purgatory? What will you do for your friends and dear ones when they die? How long will you pray for them?

What do you want people to do for you when you die? How can your friends and dear ones help you if you are in purgatory? How can you show that you love people after they are dead? What will help people that are dead?

What is better than to buy flowers for people that die? What does the Catholic Church teach you to do for people that are dead? Who wants the Catholic Church to teach you to pray for people that are dead? Yes, God wants you to pray for the souls in purgatory. He wants you to love them. You know God loves them.

How long will good people live in heaven? How long do bad people have to stay in hell? Nobody will have to stay in purgatory forever. They stay there only until their souls are pure. Then they are freed from purgatory. There will be no purgatory after the end of the world.

How can you help to free souls from purgatory? How often can you pray for souls in purgatory? What does the priest do for the souls in purga-

tory? For whom does he often say Mass? Where does it help the poor souls to go when Mass is said for them? What do you think is the best thing that can be done for the poor souls? How much will Mass help them?

Of course we don't know how long anybody has to stay in purgatory. That is why we pray all our lives for our friends. How long will you pray for your friends and dear ones? What do you want to help them to do?

Why do we have Mass at funerals? For whom is it said? What does the priest do for the person that is dead? Why do we pray at the graves of our friends? For whom do we pray then? What do good people do when they visit a cemetery? For whom do they pray?

For how many souls does the priest pray every time he says Mass? What will you do for the poor souls every time you go to Mass? Why will you pray for the poor souls every day, too?

November the second is the Feast of All Souls. For whom is Mass said on the Feast of All Souls? For whom does everybody pray, more than ever, on that day? November is the month of the poor souls. For whom do good people like to pray more than ever during November? For whom do good people have many Masses said

during that month? How long do people have to stay in purgatory? What happens when their soul is pure? When will there be no purgatory?

We do not know how long people have to stay in purgatory. But nobody has to stay in purgatory forever. There will be no purgatory after the end of the world.

Where will the poor souls go when they leave purgatory? When will they go to heaven? How can we help the poor souls get to heaven? What does the priest do for the poor souls?

Why do children pray for their mother and father that are dead? Why do they pray for their brothers and sisters that are dead? Why do they pray for their grandparents? Why do they pray for their friends? Where do they help them to go?

When will the poor souls get to heaven? Where will they go when they are pure? How long will you pray for your friends and relatives? What do you do at funerals? What do you do when you visit the cemetery? When will the poor souls pray for you? For whom will they pray after they go to heaven?

Just see how much God loves us! He wants us all to go to heaven. But even venial sin would keep us out of heaven. So God gives us purgatory so that we can get to heaven.

If somebody asked you what you do for people that die, what would you say? Why do you pray for them? We do not know whether people are in purgatory after they die. So we always pray for them. Our prayers will always help some poor soul. You know there are many poor souls in purgatory who have no friend to pray for them. It is good to pray for these poor souls. They will remember your goodness when they go to heaven. Then they will pray for you.

TEST QUESTIONS: 1. Where do those go who die in venial sin? 2. What do we do for the souls in purgatory? 3. When will there be no purgatory? 4. Where do souls go when they leave purgatory?

TWENTY-EIGHTH LESSON

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Our Lord came back to life three days after He died.
Our Lord came back to life on Easter Sunday.
We will all come back to life on the last day.
Our Lord went up to heaven forty days after He came back to life.

Children, you told me how our Lord died. Tell me again. How long did our Lord hang on the cross? What did they do with our Lord's body then?

What person of the Blessed Trinity is our Lord? How long has our Lord been God? How long will our Lord be God? What can our Lord do? What does our Lord know?

You know our Lord had said He would come back to life. So they put a great stone over His tomb and sent soldiers there to guard it day and night. But early in the morning, on the third day, the big stone rolled back and our Lord came walking out of the tomb. Imagine how surprised the soldiers were! When they saw our Lord, they were afraid and ran away.

Now tell me, how did our Lord come back to life? How could our Lord come back to life? What can our Lord do? What did the soldiers do when they saw our Lord alive? Who gave us life? Which person of the Blessed Trinity is our Lord? To whom did God give life?

Just think, children, how wonderful God is! Our Lord was born into this world. He suffered and died for us. Then He came back to life. What did they do with our Lord's body? What did they do after they buried our Lord's body? What happened on the third day? On what day did our Lord die? How many days later did our Lord come back to life? What day of the week was that? What is that Sunday called? How many days after good Friday is Easter Sunday?

After our Lord died the Blessed Virgin went with good St. John. You know our Lord told St. John to be like a son to His blessed mother. That was when our Lord was hanging on the cross. The Blessed Virgin and St. John were both standing there beside the cross. Just think how terrible it was for the Blessed Virgin to see her divine Son nailed to the cross! But she stayed with Him until He died.

How do you think the Blessed Virgin felt when

she saw our Lord alive again? How do you think the Apostles felt?

You know the Apostles were in a house. They had all the doors locked. Then our Lord came and stood there among them. Just think how they felt! There was our Lord alive again! You know our Lord's body was changed then. He could pass through doors and walls as He pleased. The Apostles were very, very happy indeed.

Our Lord told the Apostles many things. He told them how He wanted the Catholic Church to be. He told them about the Sacraments. He told them how to teach the people. He told them to hear Confessions and to forgive sins. He told them to say Mass and give Holy Communion. Our Lord came to the Apostles and talked with them many times after that.

What did our Lord tell the Apostles? What did He say about the Catholic Church? What did He say about the Sacraments? What did He say about Confession? What did He say about Mass and Holy Communion? What did He tell the Apostles to do? How do you think the Blessed Virgin felt when she could talk with her divine Son again? Where is the Blessed Virgin now?

What happened on Easter Sunday? Why was

our Lord able to come back to life? What can our Lord do? Who is our Lord? Who is the only one that was able to come back to life after He had died?

Our Lord brought many people back to life. Did you ever hear about Lazarus? Lazarus and his two sisters lived together. His sisters were Mary and Martha. Our Lord loved Lazarus. But once Lazarus became very sick. Then Mary and Martha sent for our Lord. But Lazarus died before our Lord came. Mary and Martha were very sad. After Lazarus had been dead four days, our Lord came. Then they all went to the grave. Our Lord stood there and prayed for a few minutes, then He said: "Lazarus, come forth." Imagine how happy Mary and Martha were when they saw their brother coming out of the tomb alive!

Now tell me about Lazarus. Who were his sisters? What did our Lord do for them? What did our Lord say at the grave? Why could our Lord bring Lazarus back to life? Who gave us all our life? Which person of the Blessed Trinity is our Lord?

How many people will have to die some day? What part of us dies? What happens to our body? To whom are good people going when they die? How long will we be with our Heavenly Father?

What part of us never dies? What can we do after our body dies? What can the angels do? What kind of beings are the angels? Who are the greatest of all spirits?

When will we have our bodies again? Who will give us our bodies on the last day? When will our bodies be alive and beautiful? How long will we have our bodies after that? Who will bring our bodies back to life on the last day? Who brought our Lord back to life? How could our Lord bring Himself back to life?

When will our bodies be very beautiful? When will we never get sick or die? Whom will we see in heaven? When will we see how wonderful God is? When will we see our Blessed Mother? When will we see all the angels? When will we see all the saints?

When will we see all the people that we love? When will we be able to go about like the angels? Who will love us in heaven? Whom will we love? How long will we be happy in heaven?

Where will the bad people have their bodies? How long will their bodies burn in hell? How do you think the bodies in hell will look? Where does God want everybody to go? What do you have to do to get to heaven?

Many people saw our Lord after He came back

to life. He talked with them and went with them. Of course you know there were many people who didn't want to believe that our Lord was God. What did it show when our Lord came back to life? Who is the only one that could come back to life?

Then you know there were many people who didn't want to believe what our Lord taught. Why should they have believed what our Lord taught? Why should they have known that it was all true? Why should they have done what our Lord told them?

What does our Lord want all the people to believe now? What Church did our Lord send to teach us? Why are you happy to believe all that the Catholic Church teaches? What did our Lord tell the Apostles after He came back to life?

Do you know what happened forty days after our Lord came back to life? I will tell you. Our Lord went up on a mountain. It is called Mount Olivet. The Apostles and about five hundred other people went with our Lord. Our Lord spoke to them. He told them He was going to leave them. But He promised to send the Holy Ghost to stay with the Catholic Church to the end of the world.

Then our Lord went up to heaven. You can imagine how surprised the people were. For

just after our Lord had told them those things they saw Him rising up in the air. They stood there and watched and saw our Lord going up to heaven. Then two angels came and told them that our Lord would come back on the last day of the world.

When did our Lord go up to heaven? How many days was it after He came back to life? Do you know what that day is called? It is called Ascension Day. It is a Holy Day. We must go to Mass on Ascension Day.

How many people saw our Lord going up to heaven? What is the day called? Why do we all have to go to Mass on Ascension Day? What did the two angels say after our Lord went up to heaven? Whom did our Lord promise to send? How long will the Holy Ghost stay with the Catholic Church?

Just think, children, how good and how wonderful God is! Our divine Lord suffered and died for our sins. Then He came back to life. Then He went up to heaven. We will thank God all our life for His goodness and love to us.

TEST QUESTIONS: 1. When did our Lord come back to life? 2. On what day did our Lord come back to life? 3. When will we all come back to life? 4. When did our Lord go up to heaven?

TWENTY-NINTH LESSON

The Coming of the Holy Ghost

Jesus Christ sent the Holy Ghost.
The Holy Ghost came to keep the truth in the Catholic Church.
The Catholic Church always teaches the truth.
Jesus Christ founded the Catholic Church.

Well, children, I would like to hear you talk about our Lord again to-day. Where was our Lord born? Who is our Lord's mother? What person of the Blessed Trinity is our Lord?

Why was our Lord born into this world? Why is our Lord called our Redeemer? Why is our Lord called our Saviour? How does Adam and Eve's sin come to us? Who was always free from original sin?

Why did our Lord suffer and die? Why do you think our Lord wanted to free us from sin? Why does our Lord want us to go to heaven? When will our Lord forgive sinners?

For whom did our Lord pray on the cross? What did our Lord ask God the Father to do for those who nailed Him to the cross? What will you do for those who are unkind to you? Whom

did our Lord forgive when He was hanging on the cross?

What happened three days after our Lord died? What will happen to us on the last day? What happened forty days after our Lord came back to life? Whom did our Lord promise to send from heaven?

What person of the Blessed Trinity is the Holy Ghost? Who is the third person of the Blessed Trinity? Who is the first person of the Blessed Trinity? Who is the second person of the Blessed Trinity?

What can God the Holy Ghost do? What does God the Holy Ghost know? How long has the Holy Ghost been God? How long will the Holy Ghost be God?

You know, children, after our Lord went up to heaven, the Apostles went into a big room and locked the doors. There they stayed praying for ten days. They knew bad people would try to kill them if they came out.

On the tenth day they heard a great noise. It was like a big windstorm. Then the Holy Ghost came to them. Do you know what form God the Holy Ghost took? He took the form of tongues. They were like tongues of fire. These tongues came and stood above the Apostles' heads.

That is the way the Holy Ghost came upon the Apostles.

Now, if some one asked you whom our Lord promised to send from heaven, what would you say? If he asked you what did the Apostles do after our Lord went up to heaven, what would you say?

What happened on the tenth day? What form did the Holy Ghost take?

Who is the Holy Ghost? Why could the Holy Ghost take any form He wished? What can the Holy Ghost do? Do you know on what day the Holy Ghost came? The Holy Ghost came on Pentecost. How many days after Ascension Day is Pentecost? What happened ten days after our Lord went up to heaven?

How many days after Easter is Ascension Day? Why did the Holy Ghost come? How did God the Holy Ghost show that He loves us? How many of us does God love? Where does God the Holy Ghost want us to go when we die?

What kind of people pray to God the Holy Ghost? How many days did the Apostles pray for the Holy Ghost to come? For what did they pray nine days? What happened on the tenth day? On what day did the Holy Ghost come?

Did you ever hear about the novena to the Holy

Ghost? It is nine days of prayer to God the Holy Ghost. We make the novena to the Holy Ghost nine days before Pentecost.

Now, if some one asked you what is the novena to the Holy Ghost, what would you say? When do we make the novena to the Holy Ghost? How many days do we pray when we make this novena?

Do you know what the Holy Ghost wants to do for us? The Holy Ghost wants to make us all good and holy. He brings us many gifts from heaven to make us holy.

Now what does the Holy Ghost want to do for us? What did the Holy Ghost bring us? When did the Apostles receive the Holy Ghost? What did the Apostles do after that? When did they go out and teach the people how to be good? When were the Apostles very brave?

The Apostles were very brave after the Holy Ghost came to them. They went out over the whole world teaching people our holy Faith. Bad people killed them all, trying to keep them from teaching the people. They are all martyrs.

When do you think you will receive the Holy Ghost? Whom will you receive in the Sacrament of Confirmation? Who will make you brave as the Apostles were?

Why do you believe all that the Catholic Church

teaches? Who sent the Catholic Church to teach us? How do we know all that our Lord and the Apostles taught?

What Church teaches us all that God told the patriarchs and the prophets? When do we have faith? What does it mean to believe all that the Catholic Church teaches?

Who sent the Holy Ghost? Why does the Holy Ghost stay with the Catholic Church? Who keeps the truth in the Catholic Church? Why are you sure the Catholic Church always teaches the truth? What divine person stays with the Catholic Church? What does the Holy Ghost do for the Catholic Church?

Just think how happy we are! God Himself tells us the truth that He wants us to know. He sends the Catholic Church to teach us. Then God the Holy Ghost comes to watch over the Catholic Church so that it will always teach us the truth.

For what can you thank the Holy Ghost every day? What does the Holy Ghost do for us? What shows how God the Holy Ghost loves us? Why did He come to stay with the Catholic Church?

Why are you sure that the Catholic Church can never teach anything else than the truth? Who watches over the Catholic Church? Why does the Holy Ghost watch over the Catholic Church?

When do we make the novena to the Holy Ghost? How often would you like to pray to the Holy Ghost? Who will help you know our holy Faith better? What does the Holy Ghost want to do for us? Why does the Holy Ghost want to make us good and holy?

Why did God give us the Catholic Church? What did God want the Catholic Church to teach us? Who helps the Catholic Church teach all that our Lord and the Apostles taught?

Why does the Holy Ghost stay with the Catholic Church? What does the Holy Ghost do for the Catholic Church? Why are you sure that the Catholic Church always teaches the truth? How long will the Holy Ghost stay with the Catholic Church? Which person of the Blessed Trinity will stay with the Catholic Church until the end of the world? Who is the third person of the Blessed Trinity? What can the Holy Ghost do? What does the Holy Ghost know?

Why does the Catholic Church always teach the truth? Who guides the Catholic Church? How long will the Holy Ghost guide the Catholic Church?

Why did our Lord send the Holy Ghost to the Catholic Church alone? What Church is our Lord's only Church? What is the only Church

that can teach us God's truth? What is the only Church that God sent to teach us? Why, then, are you happy to belong to the Catholic Church?

Where can we learn God's truth? Why can we learn the truth from the Catholic Church alone? What do we have to believe to get to heaven? Who wants us to believe all that the Catholic Church teaches? Why are you happy to believe all that the Catholic Church teaches?

Say the Act of Faith. When do people have faith? What can you do for people that don't believe in the Catholic Church. What can you ask God to do for them? When can you ask God to give them faith? What should they pray for? Why should they pray for faith?

What would they believe if they had faith? When would they believe all that the Catholic Church teaches? Who made the people turn against our Lord? What did the false teachers say about our Lord? What do false teachers say about the Catholic Church? What do false teachers say about priests?

Why are you happy to belong to the Catholic Church? What Church teaches you all that God wants you to know? What Church teaches you all that God wants you to do? What do you have to do to get to heaven? Who keeps the

truth in the Catholic Church? Why are you sure that the Catholic Church always teaches the truth? Who is the Holy Ghost?

How do we know what our Lord and the Apostles taught? What does our Lord want us all to know? Who started the Catholic Church? Why did our Lord start the Catholic Church? What does our Lord want the Catholic Church to teach us?

Yes, children, our Lord founded the Catholic Church. He wanted us to know God's truth. That is why He founded the Catholic Church.

How many people do you think our Lord wants to belong to the Catholic Church? Why does He want all the people to belong to the Catholic Church? To what Church do they have to belong to get to heaven?

Why do you think many people don't belong to the Catholic Church? How many know that the Catholic Church is the Lord's only Church? What do false teachers say about our Lord's Church? When will God forgive people that don't belong to the Catholic Church? What should they try to learn? What should they learn to believe?

What can you do for people that don't belong to the Catholic Church? What can you do for those that say bad things about the Catholic Church? How often can you pray for them?

Why do you think our Lord founded only one Church? What Church did He want to teach all the people in the world? What do people have to believe if they want to go to heaven?

Whose Church is the Catholic Church? Who founded the Catholic Church? How long is it since our Lord founded the Catholic Church? What Church did our Lord found nineteen hundred years ago?

How long will the Catholic Church last? What Church will last until the end of the world? Why does the Catholic Church always teach the same truth? Who stays with the Catholic Church always? Why does the Catholic Church teach the same truth all over the world? Who helps the Catholic Church teach the truth?

Thank God, children, because you belong to the Catholic Church. You are indeed happy to have the Catholic Church to teach you God's holy truth. It shows again how much God loves us.

TEST QUESTIONS: 1. Who sent the Holy Ghost? 2. What does the Holy Ghost do for the Catholic Church? 3. When does the Catholic Church teach the truth? 4. Who founded the Catholic Church?

THIRTIETH LESSON

The Catholic Church

The Apostles were the first priests of the Catholic Church.
Jesus Christ is the head of the Catholic Church.
The Pope rules the Catholic Church for our Lord.
St. Peter was the first Pope.

It was fine, children, to hear you tell so much about the Catholic Church. You know why God sent us the Catholic Church. You know why the Holy Ghost stays with the Catholic Church.

Whose Church is the Catholic Church? Why did our Lord start only one Church? How many people does He want the Catholic Church to teach? Why does everybody have to belong to the Catholic Church? To what Church do they have to belong to get to heaven?

What will you do for people that don't belong to the Catholic Church? What will you ask God to do for them? Why are you sure that the Catholic Church always teaches the truth? Who guides the Catholic Church? How long will the Holy Ghost guide the Catholic Church?

Who teaches us what the Catholic Church teaches? Who says Mass? Who baptized you when you were a little baby? Who hears confessions and forgives sins? Who gives Holy Communion? Who comes to people when they are dying? Who has funerals for people that die?

Why do you call the priest father? Who teaches you like a good father? Who takes care of your soul like a father? Why do you honor and respect the priest? Who does God's work for you?

Who were the first priests of the Catholic Church? Who made the Apostles priests? Who made the Apostles bishops, too? The Apostles were the first priests and bishops of the Catholic Church. Our Lord Himself ordained them priests. He made them bishops, too. What did the Apostles teach? Why do the priests teach what the Apostles taught? Who sent them to teach that?

Who said Mass just after our Lord went up to heaven? Who heard confessions and forgave sins? To whom did the Apostles give Holy Communion? Who used to visit people when they were sick then?

Who gave the people the Sacrament of Confirmation just after our Lord went up to heaven? Who baptized the people then? Who gave the

people all the Sacraments at that time? Who ordained other priests after our Lord died?

Who were the first bishops of the Catholic Church? Who made other bishops after that? Who ordained priests after the Apostles died?

In how many parts of the world are there priests? Who sent the priests to teach you? What do the priests teach you? Who teaches you what our Lord and the Apostles taught? Why are you happy to believe what the priests teach? Why do we have to believe what the Catholic Church teaches? What do we have to believe to get to heaven?

Where did the Catholic Church come from? Who first taught what the Catholic Church teaches? What Church teaches what our Lord and the Apostles taught? Who taught the Apostles? How did the Apostles become priests?

Who is the head of the Catholic Church? Of what Church is our Lord the head? How long has our Lord been head of the Catholic Church? How long will our Lord be head of the Catholic Church?

To whom do we really belong when we belong to the Catholic Church? Why does our Lord want us to belong to Him? How many of us does our Lord love? How did our Lord show

how much He loves us? Why was He born into the world? Why did He suffer and die?

Why did Jesus Christ send the Holy Ghost to the Catholic Church? What does the Holy Ghost do for the Catholic Church? Why are we sure that the Catholic Church always teaches the truth?

Why are we happy to belong to the Catholic Church? What do we have to do to get to heaven? How do we know what God wants us to do? Who made the Catholic Church holy? From whom does the Catholic Church come? Who is the head of the Catholic Church? Who makes people holy in the Catholic Church?

When do we become members of the Catholic Church? Of what Church did we become members when we were baptized? Why do you always obey the Catholic Church? Whom are you really obeying when you obey the Catholic Church?

How do we know what our Lord and the Apostles taught? What Church did our Lord give us to teach us? How many people did our Lord want the Catholic Church to teach?

Who is the head of the Catholic Church? How long will our Lord be head of the Catholic Church? Who were the first priests of the Catholic Church? Who were the first bishops of the Catholic

Church? How do all the priests and bishops come down from the Apostles?

Who taught the Apostles to say Mass? When did our Lord say Mass? What did He do at the Last Supper? Why could our Lord forgive sins?

Who gave the Apostles power to forgive sins? Who forgives sins now? For whom do the priests forgive people their sins? Who forgive sins for God? In whose name do they teach the people? Who teaches the people in God's name?

How long has our Lord been the head of the Catholic Church? Who has been head of the Catholic Church for nineteen hundred years? Whom did Jesus Christ send from heaven to the Catholic Church? Why does the Holy Ghost stay with the Catholic Church?

How long has our Lord been God? How long will our Lord be God? What can our Lord do? How long will our Lord be the head of the Catholic Church?

Who ordained the first priests of the Catholic Church? Who were the first priests? Who were the first bishops of the Catholic Church? Who ordained the next priests after that? Who ordains priests now? Whom does the bishop ordain?

Who tells the priest what to do? Who sent the bishop to tell them what to do? Who sends

the priests to be your pastors? Who is the head priest of the diocese? Our Holy Father, the Pope, sends the bishop to take care of the priests. Our Holy Father, the Pope, lives in Rome. All the bishops of the world do what our Holy Father tells them. Our Holy Father is over all the bishops of the world.

Who is the head of the Catholic Church? Who rules the Church for our Lord? What Church does our Holy Father, the Pope, rule for our Lord?

Whom do the bishops obey? Why do they obey our Holy Father, the Pope? Whom do the priests obey? Why do they obey the bishops? Who sent the bishop to rule over them? Whom do the people obey? Why do they obey the priests? Who sent the priests to teach them?

In whose name does our Holy Father teach all the people in the world? Who teaches the whole world in Christ's name? Who guides our Holy Father when he teaches all the people in the world? When does the Holy Ghost guide him? Why are you sure that our Holy Father always teaches the truth to all the people of the world? What person of the Blessed Trinity guides him?

Who is the head of the Church on earth? Who in heaven is the head of the Catholic Church? What does our Holy Father do for Jesus Christ?

Why do we honor and love our Holy Father so much? Who teaches God's holy truth to all the people in the world? Who sends good bishops and priests to take care of our souls?

Who do you think holds the highest place in the world? For whom does our Holy Father rule the Catholic Church? There are about three hundred millions of Catholics in the world. How many of them love our Holy Father? Why do they all love him?

Who sent our Holy Father to watch over the Catholic Church? Why does our Holy Father love us all so much? Who sent him to love us? What does our Holy Father help us to do? Who helps us to get to heaven?

How many people does our Holy Father want to get to heaven? Who wants all the people in the world to get to heaven? How many people does our Holy Father pray for? Who prays for all the people in the world? Why does our Holy Father pray for you? Why does he love you?

What can you do to show that you love our Holy Father? How often can you pray for our Holy Father? Who wants you to pray for our Holy Father? What will God do for our Holy Father every time you pray for him? What can you ask God to do for our Holy Father? When

can you ask God to help him to rule the Catholic Church well?

Shall we all kneel now and say a prayer for our Holy Father?

Kneel with the children and say a prayer for the Sovereign Pontiff. The children will remember this salutary lesson.

PRAYER FOR THE POPE

Dear Lord, help our Holy Father, the Pope. Help him rule Your Church well. Give him strength to do the great work he is doing for You on earth. Make his heart strong, dear Lord, so that he will not fear the wicked. Give light to his mind so that he will guide the bishops and priests well. Give him peace of heart every day of his life, and give him the grace to be happy with You forever in heaven. Amen.

What kind of people say false things about our Holy Father sometimes? What did the false teachers say about our Lord? What do you think our Holy Father does for people that say bad things about him? Why does he pray for them? For whom did our Lord pray when He was hanging on the cross?

Why does our Holy Father try to help all the

people in the world? How many of them does he love? Why does our Holy Father give so much to people that are poor and in trouble?

Who send our Holy Father money so that he can help people that are poor and in trouble? Who send money so that the Holy Father can help build churches? Why is a collection taken up for the Holy Father? When can even little children send something to our Holy Father that way, too? What will our Holy Father do for you if you pray for him and help him to do good?

Who were the first priests of the Catholic Church? Who told the Apostles what to do? Who do you think told the Apostles what to do after our Lord died?

After our Lord died, St. Peter told them what to do. You know St. Peter was the first Pope. Our Lord made St. Peter Pope. The other Apostles were bishops, too. They obeyed St. Peter because he was Pope. St. Peter was bishop of Rome. He lived there many years. That is why the bishop of Rome is always Pope.

Now, if some one asked you who was the first Pope, what would you say? Who made St. Peter Pope? Who obeyed St. Peter? Whom did the other Apostles obey? Why did the other Apostles obey St. Peter?

Where was St. Peter bishop? Where did he live for many years? Why is the bishop of Rome always Pope? What did St. Peter do for our Lord? Who ruled the Catholic Church in the beginning? Who rules the Catholic Church now?

You see, children, how our Lord takes care of the Catholic Church. He made St. Peter the first Pope. When St. Peter died another bishop became Pope. He was St. Linus. When St. Linus died St. Cletus became Pope. When St. Cletus died St. Clement became Pope. That is the way it came down from one Pope to another, from St. Peter to our present Holy Father. There have been 259 Popes since St. Peter.

Who made St. Peter Pope? How many Popes have there been? What is our Holy Father's name now?

Who has always helped all the Popes teach the truth? How long will the Holy Ghost help the Popes teach the truth? Why are you sure that all the Popes always taught the truth to the world? How long has the Holy Ghost helped them?

For whom did all the Popes rule the Catholic Church? What did the false teachers say about our Lord? What do they often say about the Popes? Who tries to make people say bad things

about the Catholic Church? Why does the devil hate the Catholic Church? What Church tries to keep people from hell?

What do you think our Holy Father does for people that tell false things about him? What did bad people do to St. Peter? Who put him to death?

Do you know how they killed St. Peter? They nailed him to a cross. But they nailed him to the cross with his head down and his feet up. He asked them to put him that way; for he said he was not worthy to be nailed to the cross as our Lord was.

Thank God, children, every day of your life because you belong to God's holy church. Be proud that you are Catholics. The Catholic Church will lead you to God. You will always be happy when you are true to the Catholic Church.

TEST QUESTIONS: 1. Who were the first priests of the Catholic Church? 2. Who is the head of the Catholic Church? 3. Who rules the Catholic Church for our Lord? 4. Who was the first Pope?

THIRTY-FIRST LESSON

Divine Grace

God's grace is a new life for our soul.
We need God's grace to get to heaven.
Jesus Christ gave us the seven Sacraments.
The Sacraments give us God's grace.

Children, you told me that we all come from God. You told me that God gave us life. Now, to-day, we will talk about God's grace. You know God's grace is a new life for us. It is a new life for our soul.

Where do we get our life? Who keeps us alive every minute? Who gives us strength and health to do things? What can we do with the life God gave us when we were born? Who made us so that we can eat, drink, and sleep? Why can we walk, and run, and play? Why can we talk, and listen, and think?

Yes, when we were born God gave us life so that we can do things for this earth. But you know God gives us another life so that we can do things that will take us to heaven. This new life is in our soul. It is called divine grace.

Now tell me what does God do for us so that we can do things that will take us to heaven? What does God give to our soul so that we can get to heaven? What is this new life called? What is divine grace for our soul?

Do you know what divine grace does for our soul? It gives us new strength. It makes our soul beautiful. It makes our soul holy. It makes our soul pleasing to God. It makes us friends of God.

Now if some one asked you what is the new life that God gives to your soul, what would you say? What does divine grace do for your soul? What makes your soul beautiful? What makes your soul holy? What makes your soul pleasing to God? What makes you friends of God?

You see, children, God's grace is a new life for us so that we can serve God and get to heaven. Divine grace gives us strength to serve God. Divine grace makes us able to keep the Commandments. Divine grace makes us able to keep from sin. Now tell me, why are we able to serve God? Why are we able to keep the Commandments? Why are we able to avoid sin?

Can you imagine, children, how wonderful and how great God is! When we have divine grace, we have some of God's life in our soul.

When can we serve God? When can we keep the Commandments? When can we avoid sin? What makes your soul beautiful? Who gives you divine grace? Why does God want to make your soul beautiful? Why does God love you so much? What makes your soul holy? What does divine grace do for your soul? What makes God love your soul? What makes your soul pleasing to God?

What makes us able to serve God? What makes us able to keep the Commandments? What makes us able to avoid sin?

Yes, children, divine grace is a great gift of God to us. Divine grace makes our soul holy. Divine grace makes our soul pleasing to God.

What do we need so that we can serve God? What do we need so that we can keep the Commandments? What do we need so that we can avoid sin? What makes us friends of God?

God loves His friends very much. You know, children, God is very far above us. God has a life that is far, far above ours. When we have divine grace we belong to God's life. We are united to God. Whom does God love very much? When do we become friends of God? When do we belong to God's life? What unites us to God?

Why did God make us? Who sent the Catholic

Church to teach us? What does God give you so that you can do all that He wants you to do? What can you do when you have divine grace?

What is a new life for your soul? What does God's grace do for your soul? Why do we have to keep the Commandments? What do we have to do to get to heaven? What do we have to avoid to get to heaven? What makes us able to do this? What do we need so that we can get to heaven? Why do we need God's grace?

Nobody can get to heaven without God's grace. We need God's grace to get to heaven. What makes our soul beautiful? When does God love our soul? When do we become friends of God?

Why do you need divine grace? What do we need to get to heaven? To whom does divine grace unite you? What is a new life for your soul? What does divine grace do for your soul? What does it make you able to do?

Why did our Lord come to earth? What did He come to free us from? What did He come to save us from? When did our Lord free us from sin? From what did He free us when He died on the cross? Who brought us God's grace from heaven? What did our Lord bring us from heaven?

Yes, our divine Lord brought us God's grace

from heaven. Before that nobody could go to heaven. Our Lord brought us God's grace so that we can get to heaven.

Now, if some one asked you who brought God's grace from heaven, what would you say? Why do we need God's grace? Why could nobody go to heaven before our Lord came?

When did Adam and Eve lose God's grace? What did they lose when they fell into sin? What is the only thing that could take God's grace from the soul? What does mortal sin take away from the soul? How did we get God's grace again after Adam and Eve lost it? Who brought it to us?

Yes, our Lord brought God's grace to us. Do you know how He gives God's grace to us? He gives God's grace to us in the Sacraments. Do you know how many Sacraments Jesus Christ gave us? He gave us seven Sacraments. These seven Sacraments bring God's grace into our soul.

Now, how many Sacraments did Jesus Christ give us? What do the Sacraments bring into our soul? What Sacrament did you receive when you were a little baby? When did you receive the Sacrament of Baptism?

What Sacrament will the bishop come to give you some day? When will you receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? What Sacrament

will you receive when you go to Confession? When will you receive the Sacrament of Penance?

What Sacrament will you receive when you make your First Communion? When will you receive the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist? What Sacrament do people receive when they get married? When do people receive the Sacrament of Matrimony? What Sacrament makes men priests? When do men receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders? What Sacrament do people receive when they are dying? When do they receive the Sacrament of Extreme Unction? Who gave us the seven Sacraments?

What brings God's grace into our soul? What do the Sacraments bring into our soul? How many people does our Lord want to have divine grace? Why do we all need divine grace?

Who brought God's grace from heaven? How does our Lord give us God's grace? What does our Lord give us in the Sacraments? What Church keeps the Sacraments for our Lord? Why did our Lord give the Sacraments to the Catholic Church alone? What Church is our Lord's only Church?

Now, if some one asked you what do the Sacraments give us, what would you say? But why do we need God's grace? Who wants us to pray

for grace? Why do good people pray every day for grace?

Who was full of grace? Who gave the Blessed Virgin Mary so much grace? When do we say — "Hail, Mary, full of grace"? Say the Hail Mary. What made the Blessed Virgin as pure as the angels? What did God's grace do for the Blessed Virgin?

What made St. Joseph so holy? What did God's grace do for him? What made the Apostles so holy? What made the martyrs so brave? What made all the saints holy?

What makes so many people good? What makes you friends of God? When did you become friends of God? What is a new life for your soul? How does our Lord give us this new life? Why do good people receive the Sacraments so often? What does God's grace do for your soul?

Yes, children, God's grace is a new life for your soul. Thank God for His grace. It is God's greatest gift to you. God loves you. He will always give you His grace when you try to be good.

TEST QUESTIONS: 1. What is a new life for our soul? 2. What do we need to get to heaven? 3. Who gave us the seven Sacraments? 4. What do the Sacraments give us?

THIRTY-SECOND LESSON

The Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism is the first Sacrament.
Baptism takes away original sin.
We need Baptism to get to heaven.
The priest baptizes us.

The last time you were here, children, you told me many things about divine grace. What makes our soul beautiful? What makes our soul pleasing to God? What makes people holy?

Who was full of grace? Where did the Blessed Virgin get so much grace? What made St. Joseph so holy? What made the Apostles so holy? What made the saints holy? What made the martyrs so brave?

What makes so many people good? Why do we need God's grace? When can we serve God? What is a new life for our soul? To whom does divine grace unite us? What makes us friends of God?

Who brought divine grace to us from heaven? When did our Lord bring divine grace to us?

What did our Lord gain for us when He suffered and died for us? How do we get God's grace? What do the Sacraments give us? Who gave us the Sacraments?

What Sacrament did you receive when you were a little baby? When did you receive the Sacrament of Baptism? What did you get when you were baptized? When did you get God's grace first? What did Baptism do for your soul? What made your soul beautiful? What made your soul pleasing to God? What made you holy?

Where do you think you would have gone if you had died just after you were baptized? What Sacrament gave a new life to your soul? What is this new life? Why was it like being born again when you were baptized? What new life did you receive then?

What Sacrament made you children of God? What Sacrament made you members of the Catholic Church? When did you first receive God's grace? What did you receive when you were baptized? What makes us friends of God? When did you become friends of God? How many Sacraments give us God's grace?

What is the first Sacrament that everybody must receive? When did you receive the Sacrament of Baptism? When did you become chil-

dren of God? Where do babies go that die after Baptism? What does Baptism do for their soul?

To whom do you belong when you have God's grace? When do you belong to God? To whom do people belong that haven't God's grace? Who belong to the devil?

What do the Sacraments give us? What is a new life for our soul? What made you children of God? Who belong to God? Who belong to the devil? When did you first belong to God? What Sacrament made you members of the Catholic Church?

What sin are we born in? How many people are born in the sin of Adam and Eve? What sin is called original sin? Who was always free from original sin? Who kept the Blessed Virgin Mary always free from sin?

What sin kept divine grace out of your soul when you were born? What Sacrament took original sin away from your soul? What sin did Baptism take away from your soul?

When did you first get divine grace? What made your soul holy? What made your soul pleasing to God?

What Sacrament took original sin away from your soul? Why were you not children of God

when you were born? What sin was on your soul when you were born? What made you children of God after that?

What did Baptism give you? What did divine grace do for your soul? What made your soul beautiful? Why did our Lord give us the Sacrament of Baptism? Why does He love us so much?

Why do we need God's grace? What do we need so that we can get to heaven? What Sacrament first gave you God's grace?

Why do we need Baptism? What Sacrament do we need so that we can get to heaven? Why does everybody have to be baptized? What does Baptism take away from the soul?

What do we do to have original sin taken away from our soul? What Sacrament do we receive? What sin comes down from Adam and Eve? In what sin are we born? What frees us from original sin?

Why are we not children of God when we are born? What sin is on our soul? Why does everybody have to be baptized? What sin do babies have on their soul before they are baptized?

To whom do you belong now? What Sacrament made you children of God? Who gave us the Sacrament of Baptism? Why do we need

the Sacrament of Baptism? What Sacrament do we need to get to heaven?

When were you born again? When did you get a new life for your soul? What is a new life for your soul? When did you first get God's grace? When did you become children of God?

If people were not baptized when they were little, when can they be baptized? How many sins does Baptism take away from grown people's soul? What Sacrament takes away all their sins?

Yes, Baptism takes away all their sins. It takes away original sin; and it takes away all their other sins, too.

What does Baptism do for their soul? What makes their soul beautiful? What makes their soul pleasing to God? What Sacrament makes people children of God? Why do they all need Baptism?

Who brought God's grace from heaven? What do the Sacraments give us? What Church gives us the Sacraments? Who founded the Catholic Church? Why can only the Catholic Church give us the Sacraments? What Church is our Lord's only Church?

Where did they take you to baptize you? Who went with you to the church? What did your

godfather and godmother do? Who carried you? Who held you while you were being baptized? Who baptized you? Who sent the priest to baptize you? Why did our Lord send the priest to baptize you? When did you become children of God?

The priest poured water on your head when he baptized you. While he was pouring water on your head he said: "I baptize thee in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost."

Do you know what the priest asked you before he baptized you? He asked you what you wanted the Church to teach you. Of course, you were a little baby then. You couldn't talk. So your godfather and godmother answered for you. They said you wanted the Catholic Church to teach you our holy Faith.

Now, what did your godfather and godmother answer for you? Why are you happy to believe all that the Catholic Church teaches? What does the Catholic Church teach? What Church teaches all that our Lord and the Apostles taught? What would you say now if the priest asked you what you want the Catholic Church to teach you? When you were baptized the priest asked you these questions. Answer them now.

Do you believe that God made heaven and earth and all things? I do believe that God made heaven and earth. Do you believe that our Lord was born and suffered and died for us? I do believe that our Lord was born and suffered and died for us. Do you believe in the Holy Ghost? I do believe in the Holy Ghost.

Do you believe in the Catholic Church? I do believe in the Catholic Church. Do you believe that our bodies will rise again on the last day? I do believe that our bodies will rise again on the last day. Do you believe that we will live forever in heaven? I do believe that we will live forever in heaven.

That is fine, children. Your godfather and godmother answered that for you when you were baptized. They also made some promises for you. They promised that you would never listen to the devil when he tries to make you sin. They promised that you would always keep from everything bad. Of course, you would promise that now. Answer now: Do you promise to keep from listening to the devil? Do you promise to keep from all that is bad?

Now tell me what did the priest do when he baptized you? What did he say while he was pouring water on your head? (*Teach them the*

formula.) When would you be allowed to baptize a baby? Suppose you couldn't get a priest, what could you do for a baby that was dying?

Yes, children, you could baptize it. Of course, if there was some grown person there who knew how to baptize, you would let him do it.

When do you think you could baptize a big person that was dying if he had never been baptized? If you saw some poor man dying and he wanted to be baptized, what would you do? Why would you try to get the priest? And if you couldn't get the priest and there was no grown person who knew how, what would you do? How would you baptize him? Where would you pour the water? What would you say while you were pouring the water on his head? When would you say? — "I baptize thee, etc."

Why do they baptize little babies as soon as they can? When do little babies become children of God? Why do we have to be baptized? How many people have to be baptized to go to heaven?

When did you become children of God? What made you Christians? What made you members of the Catholic Church? What did Baptism take away from your soul? What did Baptism give you?

Why did they give you the name of a saint at

Baptism? Who is your patron saint? Which saint prays most for you?

What did the priest do when he baptized you? What did he say? Who sent the priest to baptize you? Why do we need Baptism?

Thank God, children, because He gave us the Sacrament of Baptism. It made you Christians and children of God. It took sin away from your soul and gave you God's grace. It made you members of the Catholic Church.

TEST QUESTIONS: 1. Which is the first Sacrament? 2. What sin does Baptism take away? 3. Why do we need Baptism? 4. Who baptizes us?

THIRTY-THIRD LESSON

The Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation gives us God's grace.
The Holy Ghost comes to us in the Sacrament of Confirmation.
Confirmation makes us strong in faith.
The bishop gives us the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Children, I should like to hear you talk about the Sacraments again to-day. What Sacrament have you all received? What did Baptism give you? What new life did Baptism give you? What sin did Baptism take away from your soul? When were you born again? When did you become Christians? Why did you need Baptism?

How many Sacraments are there? Who gave us the Sacraments? What do the Sacraments give us? What does God's grace do for your soul? When do you become friends of God? Why do you need divine grace?

When did the Holy Ghost come upon the Apostles? What form did the Holy Ghost take? What did the Apostles do after that? When did they go out to preach our Faith?

The Holy Ghost will come to you, too. The Holy Ghost will come to you in the Sacrament of Confirmation. You know Confirmation is one of the Sacraments. How many Sacraments did our Lord give us? Which is the first Sacrament? In what Sacrament will the Holy Ghost come to you?

On what day did the Holy Ghost come upon the Apostles? How many days is Pentecost after Ascension? What person of the Blessed Trinity made the Apostles strong and brave? Why will you be happy to receive Confirmation?

Whom will you receive in Confirmation? When will the Holy Ghost come to you? Who will be in your soul when you are confirmed? Who will bring you more of God's grace in the Sacrament of Confirmation?

When will the Holy Ghost bring many gifts for your soul? Who will make you holy when you are confirmed? Who will help you to think more about God and about heaven?

Who will help you know better what God wants you to do? Who will help you be careful to keep from sin? Who will make you strong so that you can do what God wants you to do?

What person of the Blessed Trinity will come to you in Confirmation? Who will help you know better what is right and what is wrong? Who

will help you love God more than ever? Who will help you keep the Commandments?

Who is the Holy Ghost? What person of the Blessed Trinity is the Holy Ghost? How long has the Holy Ghost been God? How long will the Holy Ghost be God?

What can the Holy Ghost do? What does the Holy Ghost know? Why does God the Holy Ghost love you?

When do you make the novena to the Holy Ghost? Why will you pray every day to the Holy Ghost? When will the Holy Ghost come to you? When will the Holy Ghost live in your soul? What will the Holy Ghost bring for your soul when He comes to you?

What do the Sacraments give us? How many Sacraments give us God's grace? What will Confirmation give you? What Sacrament will bring the Holy Ghost into your soul? Who gave us the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Why must we be free from sin when we are confirmed? What makes the soul holy and pleasing to God? What does divine grace do for your soul? Why must our soul be holy and pleasing to God when we receive Confirmation? Who comes to us then? Why will you go to Confession before Confirmation? Why must we be free from sin

then? Why do you have to be baptized before you are confirmed? From what sin does Baptism free us? Why must our soul be pure when we are confirmed?

Why did the Apostles stay locked up in a room? What did bad people want to do to them? What happened on the tenth day? What form did the Holy Ghost take?

Why were the Apostles brave after that? Who made the Apostles strong in faith? For what did the Apostles die? Why did bad people kill the Apostles? Who wanted them to deny our holy Faith?

Who made the Apostles so brave? When will you receive the Holy Ghost? Why will you be strong after that? Who will live in your soul then? Why will you be always ready after that to do what God wants you to do?

What will the Holy Ghost do for you? Who will make you strong in faith? Why will you always keep from being ashamed when anybody makes fun of your Faith? Who will give you courage to keep you from being ashamed?

Why will you always have courage to make the sign of the cross no matter who is looking at you? Who will make you strong in faith? Why will you always bless yourself and say grace at meals no

matter how many people are looking at you? Why will you always have courage to say your prayers no matter who laughs at you? Why will you be strong in faith?

Why do bad people sometimes make fun of those who go to church? Who tells them to do that? Why will you always go to church no matter who laughs at you? Who will give you courage to do what God wants you to do? Who will make you strong in faith?

What did the pagans want the martyrs to do? Who wanted them to deny our holy Faith? Why were the martyrs willing to die rather than deny our holy Faith? What made them strong in faith? Why will you always keep from being ashamed of your holy Faith? What Sacrament makes you strong in faith? Why do you love your holy Faith so much? Who gives us our holy Faith?

If somebody asked why you believe what the Catholic Church teaches, what would you tell him? Why does God want you to believe what the Catholic Church teaches? What must we believe to go to heaven? What does it mean to have faith? What does it mean to believe all that the Catholic Church teaches?

Why do we have to have faith? Why will you

always be proud of your holy Faith? Who first taught our holy Faith? What does the Catholic Church teach? What Church teaches all that our Lord and the Apostles taught?

Why would you keep from paying attention if people laughed at you when you are saying your prayers? Why do you always do what God wants you to do? Why will you always go to church no matter what others say? Why do you serve God? Who will make you strong in faith?

When will the Holy Ghost come to you? Why will you always say grace at meals no matter who is there? What makes you strong in faith? Why will you always keep from eating meat on Friday no matter where you are? If you are with Protestants and do not eat meat on Friday, what does that show? Why are you always proud to show that you are a Catholic?

Whose Church is the Catholic Church? To whom do you belong when you belong to the Catholic Church? When did you become children of God? What Sacrament made you members of the Catholic Church? Who died for the Catholic Faith? For what did the Apostles die? For what did the martyrs die?

Who will give you the courage to leave others when they talk bad? When will the Holy Ghost

give you courage? Who will give you courage to turn away from bad pictures? Who will give you courage to go away from bad company?

Who will make you strong enough to go to church when the weather is very bad? Who will make you strong enough to go to Mass when the church is far away? Who will make you strong enough to say your prayers when you are very tired? Who will make you strong enough to forgive those who are unkind to you? Who will help you to love all the people in the world?

What person of the Blessed Trinity will come to you in Confirmation? What will the Holy Ghost bring for your soul? What Sacrament will make you strong in faith? Who will live in your soul after you are confirmed? What Sacrament will give you more of God's grace?

Why do you love your holy Faith more than anything else? Why are you proud of your holy Faith? Who first taught our holy Faith? Why are you happy to believe all that the Catholic Church teaches? Who sent the Catholic Church to teach us?

Who were the first priests of the Catholic Church? Who made the Apostles priests? Who said Mass after our Lord went up to heaven? Who baptized the people then? Who heard

confessions and forgave sins then? Who gave the people Holy Communion then? Who gave the last Sacrament to people when they were dying?

Who were the first bishops? Who made the Apostles bishops? Who was the first Pope? Where was St. Peter bishop? Where does the Pope live now? Who gave people the Sacrament of Confirmation after our Lord went up to heaven? Yes, the Apostles gave people the Sacrament of Confirmation. They were bishops. You know the bishop gives Confirmation.

Do you know the names of the Apostles? They were St. Peter, St. Andrew, St. James (major), St. John, St. Philip, St. Bartholomew, St. Thomas, St. Matthew, St. James (minor), St. Thaddeus, St. Simon, and Judas.

What Sacraments did St. Peter give to the people? What Sacraments did St. Andrew, and St. James, and St. John give? What Sacraments did St. Philip and St. Bartholomew give? What Sacraments did St. Thomas, and St. Matthew, and St. James give? What Sacraments did St. Thaddeus and St. Simon give?

Do you know why Judas never gave Confirmation? Judas committed a terrible sin. He sold our Lord for thirty pieces of silver. Then he left our Lord and hanged himself. After our

Lord died the Apostles chose St. Matthias in the place of Judas.

Who will give you the Sacrament of Confirmation? Who were the first bishops of the Catholic Church? Who gives Confirmation now just as the Apostles did?

Do you know how the bishop gives Confirmation? He makes the sign of the cross on your forehead with holy oil. At the same time he says: "I sign thee with the sign of the cross and I confirm thee with the chrism of salvation, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

What will your sponsor do when you are confirmed? Who will put his (or her) hand on your shoulder when you are being confirmed? Who will be a good friend to help you serve God after Confirmation? Why will you take the name of a saint at Confirmation? Who will be your second patron saint? When will your patron saint help you to be strong in faith? When did you get your first patron saint? Whose name did you take in Baptism? Why will you pray often to your saint?

You see, children, how much God has blessed you. He gave you the Sacraments so that you can gain His grace. He gave you the Sacrament of Confirmation to bring the Holy Ghost into

your soul and make you strong in faith. Thank God for all that He has done for you.

TEST QUESTIONS: 1. What does the Sacrament of Confirmation give us? 2. Who comes to us in the Sacrament of Confirmation? 3. What does Confirmation do for us? 4. Who gives us the Sacrament of Confirmation?

THIRTY-FOURTH LESSON

The Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist

The Holy Eucharist is called the Sacrament of love.
The Holy Eucharist is the Sacrament of our Lord's body and blood.
Our Lord was the first to change bread and wine into His body and blood.
Our Lord changed bread and wine into His body and blood at the Last Supper.

Children, to-day we are going to talk about a great Sacrament. We are going to talk about the Holy Eucharist. Who brought us God's grace from heaven? Why do we need God's grace? What is a new life for our soul? What makes your soul holy and pleasing to God? What makes you friends of God? What do the Sacraments give us? When did you first receive God's grace? What will Confirmation give you? You see, children, how our Lord loves us. He wants us all to have the grace He brought from heaven. That is why He gave us the seven Sacraments.

Do you know that our Lord gives us Himself in one of the Sacraments? Yes, our Lord gives us Himself in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. The Holy Eucharist is called the Sacrament of love. In what Sacrament does our Lord give us Himself? Which Sacrament is called the Sacrament of love?

What is a new life for our soul? When did you get this new life for your soul? What did the Sacrament of Baptism give you?

Which Sacrament will make this new life strong in your soul? What will Confirmation do for you? Which Sacrament do you think will make your soul grow in this new life? It is the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. You know the Holy Eucharist feeds the soul. It makes the soul grow in God's grace.

What do you have to do to make your body grow? Why do you have to eat and drink? What Sacrament makes your soul grow in God's grace? Who gives Himself to you in the Holy Eucharist? Which Sacrament feeds your soul? Whose grace does the Holy Eucharist give us? Do you know how our Lord gives us Himself in the Holy Eucharist? He changes bread and wine into His body and blood; then He gives us His body and blood to be the food and drink of

our soul. That is how the Holy Eucharist feeds our soul. The Holy Eucharist is the Sacrament of our Lord's body and blood.

What did our Lord give us to be the food and drink of our soul? Now, if some one asked you how the Holy Eucharist makes our soul grow in God's grace, what would you say? What does our Lord give us in the Holy Eucharist? Where does He give us His body and blood? What feeds our soul in the Holy Eucharist? When do our Lord's body and blood feed our soul?

Who gave us the Holy Eucharist? What grace does the Holy Eucharist give us? What does the Holy Eucharist do for our soul? Which Sacrament feeds our soul? What are the food and drink of our soul in the Holy Eucharist? Why is the Holy Eucharist the Sacrament of our Lord's body and blood? Which Sacrament gives us our Lord's body and blood?

How did our Lord give us His body and blood in the Holy Eucharist? What did our Lord change bread and wine into?

Just think how wonderful that is, children! Our Lord changed bread and wine into His body and blood. Then He gave the Apostles and all the priests power to change bread and wine into His body and blood.

Now, if some one asked you how our Lord gave us His body and blood in the Holy Eucharist, what would you say? What did our Lord change into His body and blood? How could our Lord do that? Who is our Lord? What person of the Blessed Trinity is our Lord? How long has our Lord been God? How long will our Lord be God?

What does the Holy Eucharist do for our soul? What Sacrament makes our soul grow in God's grace? How does the Holy Eucharist feed our soul? What Sacrament gives us our Lord's body and blood? When do we receive our Lord's body and blood? What do we receive when we receive the Holy Eucharist? In what Sacrament does our Lord give us Himself? Why does our Lord give us Himself? Why does our Lord love us so much? Whose children are we?

Do you know when our Lord gave us the Holy Eucharist? It was at the Last Supper, the night before He died. He changed bread and wine into His body and blood at the Last Supper. That is when He gave us the Holy Eucharist.

Now, if some one asked you when did our Lord give us the Holy Eucharist, what would you say? When did our Lord change bread and wine into His body and blood? What does our Lord give us in the Holy Eucharist?

Why does the Lord give us His body and blood in the Holy Eucharist? What feeds our soul in the Holy Eucharist? Which Sacrament makes our soul grow in God's grace?

How did our Lord give us His body and blood in the Holy Eucharist? Why was it easy for our Lord to change bread and wine into His body and blood? What can our Lord do? Why do you think our Lord gave us Himself in the Holy Eucharist? How did our Lord show His love for us in the Holy Eucharist?

How often does the Holy Eucharist give us God's grace? What does it give us every time we receive it? Why does the Holy Eucharist make our soul more holy? Why does the Holy Eucharist make our soul more beautiful? Why does the Holy Eucharist make our soul more pleasing to God?

Do you know what our Lord said when He changed bread and wine into His body and blood? He took bread in His hands and said: "This is my body." Then He took wine, and said: "This is my blood."

The Apostles were with our Lord at the Last Supper. They knew that our Lord is really God. So they knew that it was true when our Lord said, "This is my body." And they

knew that it was true when he said, "This is my blood."

Who were with our Lord at the Last Supper? What did our Lord say when He took the bread in His hands? How do you know that it was true? What happened when our Lord said?—"This is my body" and "This is my blood." When were the bread and wine changed into our Lord's body and blood? Why was it easy for our Lord to change bread and wine into His body and blood? What can our Lord do?

What power did our Lord give to the Apostles after He changed bread and wine into His body and blood? Where does the priest get the power to change bread and wine into our Lord's body and blood? What do our Lord's body and blood look like in the Holy Eucharist? What do our Lord's body and blood taste like in the Holy Eucharist?

How do we know, then, that what we see in the Holy Eucharist is our Lord's body and blood? Who told us? Why do we believe that our Lord's body and blood are really in the Holy Eucharist? Why are we sure that whatever our Lord tells us is true?

What Church teaches us that our Lord's body and blood are really in the Holy Eucharist? Who

sent the Catholic Church to teach us? Why are we sure that the Catholic Church always teaches the truth?

What do you believe about the Holy Eucharist? Why do you believe that our Lord's body and blood are really there? But when our Lord's body and blood look like bread and wine, how do you know that our Lord's body and blood are there? What Church teaches you that? Who first taught what the Catholic Church teaches? What Church teaches all that our Lord and the Apostles taught?

Why do many people not believe that our Lord's body and blood are in the Holy Eucharist? What Church do they refuse to believe? Why should they believe what the Catholic Church teaches? Who sent the Catholic Church to teach us? What does the Catholic Church teach? Who keeps the truth in the Catholic Church?

The Bible also tells us many things about the Holy Eucharist. It tells us how our Lord told the people once that He was going to give us the Holy Eucharist. But those people were too proud to believe our Lord. They said our Lord could not give us His body and blood to be the food and drink of our soul. And so they all left our Lord. But the Apostles stayed with our Lord. They

knew that He is God and that whatever He says is true.

Then the Bible tells us about the Last Supper. It tells us how our Lord took bread in His hands and said, "This is my body." It tells us that our Lord took the wine and said, "This is my blood." Then it tells us what our Lord said to the Apostles when He gave them power to change bread and wine into His body and blood. He said, "Do this in remembrance of Me."

Now, where can we read about the Holy Eucharist? What did the people do when our Lord told them He was going to give us the Holy Eucharist? What did the Apostles do? Why did the Apostles believe our Lord?

What does the Bible tell us about the Last Supper? What did our Lord say when He took the bread in His hands? What did He say when He took the wine? What power did He give the Apostles when He said?—"Do this in remembrance of Me."

How do we know that what is in the Bible is true? Who wrote the Bible? How did God write the Bible? What Church tells us what the words of the Bible mean?

Now, if some one asked you what the Holy Eucharist does for your soul, what would you

say? How does the Holy Eucharist feed your soul? How do our Lord's body and blood come into the Holy Eucharist? When did our Lord change bread and wine into His body and blood? Who changes bread and wine into our Lord's body and blood now? Who gave the priest power to change bread and wine into our Lord's body and blood?

Thank God every day of your lives, children, because He gave us the Holy Eucharist. When you make your first Holy Communion, you will receive our Lord's body and blood. You will receive the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

TEST QUESTIONS: 1. What is the Holy Eucharist called? 2. Which is the Sacrament of our Lord's body and blood? 3. Who was the first to change bread and wine into our Lord's body and blood? 4. When did our Lord change bread and wine into His body and blood?

THIRTY-FIFTH LESSON

The Mass

The priest changes bread and wine into our Lord's body and blood at Mass.
The Apostles were the first priests to say Mass.
We are bound to go to Mass on Sundays and Holy Days.
Good people go to Mass as often as they can.

Tell me again about the Sacraments, children. Who gave us the Sacraments? What do the Sacraments give us? What does God's grace do for our soul? When did you first receive God's grace?

Why do we all need Baptism? What does Baptism take away from our soul? When were you born again? What is a new life for your soul? When did you become children of God? When will you receive the Holy Ghost? What Sacraments make us strong in faith?

When did our Lord give us the Holy Eucharist? What did our Lord do at the Last Supper? When do we receive our Lord's body and blood? What are the food and drink of our soul?

Who changed bread and wine into our Lord's body and blood after our Lord went up to heaven? Who changes bread and wine into our Lord's body and blood now? When does the priest change bread and wine into our Lord's body and blood? What does the priest change into our Lord's body and blood when he says Mass? Who gave the priest power to change bread and wine into our Lord's body and blood?

What did our Lord change at the Last Supper? Who were the first priests of the Catholic Church? Who said Mass for the people at first? Who says Mass for you?

If you had lived when the Apostles lived, who would have said Mass for you? What does the priest do when he says Mass? Who gave the priest power to change bread and wine into our Lord's body and blood?

What did our Lord say when He changed bread and wine into His body and blood? What did He say when He took the bread into His hands? What did He say when he took the wine? What happened when our Lord said? — "This is my body" and "This is my blood."

The priest says the same words our Lord said when he says Mass. You know the priest uses our Lord's power.

What does the priest say when he takes bread into his hands? What does he say when he takes the wine into his hands? What happens when the priest says? — "This is my body" and "This is my blood."

In what Sacrament does our Lord give us Himself? What does our Lord look like in the Holy Eucharist? How does our Lord come into the Holy Eucharist? When does the priest change bread and wine into our Lord's body and blood?

Who was the first ever to change bread and wine into our Lord's body and blood? Why was it easy for our Lord to change bread and wine into His body and blood? What person of the Blessed Trinity is our Lord? What can our Lord do?

Who were the first priests that ever said Mass? How could the Apostles change bread and wine into our Lord's body and blood? How could our Lord give them that power? What can our Lord do?

Who was the first Pope ever to say Mass? Who gave St. Peter power to change bread and wine into our Lord's body and blood? How many Popes said Mass after that? How often do all the bishops and priests of the world say Mass? When did our Lord die for our sins?

To whom did our Lord offer Himself when He died on the cross? When did our Lord offer Himself to God the Father first? Where does our Lord offer Himself now? To whom does our Lord offer Himself in the Mass? What do our Lord's body and blood look like in the Mass?

Yes, it is just the same. Our Lord offered Himself to God the Father when He died on the cross. Now He does the same thing again every time the priest says Mass. He offers Himself to God the Father. So you see when you are at Mass it is just like being beside our Lord's cross.

Who stayed beside our Lord's cross until He died? Who stayed with our Lord's blessed mother? Who gave the Blessed Virgin to St. John's care? What is like being beside our Lord's cross?

How did our Lord offer Himself on the cross to God the Father? What did our Lord look like on the cross? How does our Lord offer Himself in the Mass to God the Father? Under what form does He offer Himself in the Mass?

How long has our Lord been God? Which person of the Blessed Trinity was once a little baby in Bethlehem? Which person of the Blessed Trinity died on the cross? Which person of the Blessed Trinity offers Himself in the Mass?

When does the priest lift up our Lord's body and blood for the people to adore at Mass? What does he do just after he changes bread and wine into our Lord's body and blood? What happens at the Consecration? What do our Lord's body and blood look like in the Mass?

Yes, in the Mass our Lord's body and blood look like bread and wine. You know our Lord didn't change the looks of bread and wine. He wanted His body and blood to look like bread and wine. He wanted His body and blood to taste like bread and wine, too. That is why our Lord gave us His body and blood under the form of bread and wine.

Now, if some one asked you what the priest does at Mass, what would you say? If he asked you how the priest can change bread and wine into our Lord's body and blood, what would you say? Whom does our Lord offer in the Mass to God the Father? Where did our Lord offer Himself in another manner? How did He offer Himself on the cross?

What is the Third Commandment? Where do you go on Sundays and Holy Days? Whose house is the church? When must we always go to Mass? Who commands us to go to Mass on Sundays and Holy Days? What kind of sin would it be to neglect Mass on a Sunday or Holy Day?

What Church teaches us that we must go to Mass? Who sent the Catholic Church to teach us? Whom do we obey when we go to Mass on a Sunday or Holy Day? When will God forgive anybody that neglects Mass on a Sunday or Holy Day? For what must he be sorry? What must he tell in Confession? What must he promise?

How many Holy Days are there? What is the Holy Day called on which our Lord was born? What are we bound to do on Christmas? When is the Feast of the Circumcision? Why must we go to Mass on New Year's Day?

On what day did our Lord go up to heaven? What are we bound to do on the Feast of the Ascension? When did our Lord take His blessed mother to heaven? What must we do on the Feast of the Assumption?

When is the Feast of All Saints? When is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception? What must we do on Holy Days? Why do you like to go to Mass on Sundays and Holy Days? Whom do you obey when you go to Mass on Sundays and Holy Days? Who will bless you every time you go to Mass?

Whom did our Lord offer on the cross to God the Father? Whom does our Lord offer in the

Mass to God the Father? What did our Lord do at the Last Supper? Who were with our Lord at the Last Supper?

What power did our Lord give to the Apostles then? Who have that power now? When does the priest change bread and wine into our Lord's body and blood? What Sacrament feeds our soul? What feeds our soul in the Holy Eucharist? How do our Lord's body and blood come into the Holy Eucharist?

Why do you keep so quiet at Mass? Why do you pray all during Mass? Whom do you adore during Mass? Why does the priest lift up our Lord's body and blood at the Consecration of the Mass? When does he lift up our Lord so that we can adore Him?

Why do you kneel so much during Mass? Whom are you adoring? Why is the Mass so holy? Who is on the altar? Under what form is our Lord on the altar? What does our Lord on the altar look like?

How often does the priest say Mass? Who says Mass every day? Why do you think it is good to go to Mass often? Who blesses you every time you go to Mass?

How often would you like to go to Mass? Why would you like to go to Mass every day? What

does the priest offer at Mass? When does he offer our Lord's body and blood? To whom does he offer our Lord's body and blood? Who offers our Lord's body and blood to God the Father? In whose name does the priest offer our Lord's body and blood? Who offers our Lord's body and blood in our Lord's name?

What does the priest say when he takes the bread into his hands? When does he say? — "This is my body." For whom is he saying that? What does the priest say when he takes the wine? When does he say? — "This is my blood." What happens when the priest says? — "This is my body" and "This is my blood."

What did our Lord say when He took the bread and wine at the Last Supper? What happened when our Lord said? — "This is my body" and "This is my blood." When did our Lord offer Himself so that you could really see His body and blood? How did He offer Himself on the cross?

When does our Lord offer Himself in another manner? Under what form does our Lord offer Himself in the Mass? What is like being beside our Lord's cross? How often do you like to go to Mass? What does our Lord do for you every time you go to Mass?

Thank God, children, because He gave you the

holy Mass. God loves you because you go to Mass often. He will bless you more and more every time you go to Mass.

TEST QUESTIONS: 1. When does the priest change bread and wine into our Lord's body and blood? 2. Who were the first priests to say Mass? 3. When are we bound to go to Mass? 4. How often do good people go to Mass?

THIRTY-SIXTH LESSON

The Blessed Sacrament

The Holy Eucharist is kept in the tabernacle.
Our Lord is really present in the Holy Eucharist.
Our Lord lives in the Blessed Sacrament because He loves us.
We adore our divine Lord in the Holy Eucharist.

The last time you were here, children, you told me many fine things about the Mass. We might talk about the Sacraments again.

What do the Sacraments give us? How many Sacraments give us God's grace? When did you first receive God's grace? What Sacrament feeds your soul? What is the food of your soul in the Holy Eucharist? How do our Lord's body and blood come into the Holy Eucharist?

Who was the first ever to change bread and wine into our Lord's body and blood? When did our Lord change bread and wine into His body and blood? Who said Mass just after our Lord went up to heaven? What does the priest do when He says Mass? When does the priest change bread and wine into our Lord's body and blood?

Where does the priest stand when he says Mass? Where is the tabernacle? It is just before the priest when he is saying Mass. There is a little door in it. Sometimes you can see the priest open that little door.

Do you know where the Holy Eucharist is kept? What is kept in the tabernacle? Yes, the Holy Eucharist is kept in the tabernacle. There is a gold or silver cup with a top on it. This cup is called the ciborium. In this the Holy Eucharist is kept.

Do you know what the Holy Eucharist in the tabernacle looks like? Now, if some one asked you where the Holy Eucharist is kept, what would you say? What does the Holy Eucharist look like when the priest is giving Holy Communion? You know the Holy Eucharist in the tabernacle has the form of little round pieces of bread. These are called the sacred hosts.

Who gave us the Holy Eucharist? When did our Lord give us the Holy Eucharist? What did our Lord do at the Last Supper? Where does our Lord give us Himself? Who comes to us in the Holy Eucharist?

Under what form does our Lord come in the Holy Eucharist? When does our Lord come to us under the form of bread and wine? Who is

really and truly in the Holy Eucharist? Why is our Lord able to come to us in the Holy Eucharist?

Who is our Lord? What can our Lord do? Who is the creator of heaven and earth? Who is really in the tabernacle like a little piece of bread? What does our Lord in the Holy Eucharist know?

Which person of the Blessed Trinity is in the Holy Eucharist? Which person of the Blessed Trinity became man? In what part of the church is our Lord's body kept? What is the little white particle that the priest lifts up at the Consecration of the Mass? Who is really present in that little particle?

You know the Holy Eucharist is called the Blessed Sacrament. That is why we say the Blessed Sacrament is in the tabernacle. The Blessed Sacrament is the Holy Eucharist.

Who is in the Blessed Sacrament? What does our Lord look like in the Blessed Sacrament? When does our Lord take the form of bread in the Blessed Sacrament? Who changes bread and wine into our Lord's body and blood? How much of our Lord is present under the form of bread alone? Why does our Lord really live in the Blessed Sacrament? Why does our Lord wish to be with us all the time?

Why did the Apostles love our Lord very much?

How long did they go with Him? Why do you think the Apostles wanted our Lord to stay with them? How does our Lord stay with you?

Our Lord stays with you in the Blessed Sacrament. Our Lord really and truly lives in the tabernacle. We can see Him, too. But He does not look as He did when He hung on the cross. He looks like a little piece of bread.

Where is our Lord on the altar? Why do you think our Lord wants to stay with us all the time? Day and night he is in the tabernacle. He is under the little form of bread. But He is God. He is the Creator of heaven and earth. He likes to see us coming to visit Him often.

Now, could you tell anybody why our Lord lives in the Holy Eucharist? Where is the Blessed Sacrament kept in the church? Who really and truly lives in the Blessed Sacrament? What person of the Blessed Trinity is really and truly present in the Blessed Sacrament?

The little red light that is always burning in the church shows that the Blessed Sacrament is there. It is called the sanctuary lamp. It is kept burning in honor of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

What does that little red light show? How do you know when the Blessed Sacrament is in a

church? What is that red light called? In whose honor is it kept burning?

The part around the altar is called the sanctuary. That is because it is the holiest part of the church. Why is that the holiest part of the church? Where is the Blessed Sacrament kept?

Why do you genuflect when you enter the church? Whom do you adore when you genuflect? Where is our Lord when you adore Him?

Teach the little ones to genuflect properly. A little patience will soon teach them to do it well. Show them how to put the left foot forward and then to lower the body until the right knee touches the floor.

Why do you adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament? Who is the only One we should adore? What Commandment tells us to adore God alone? Whom does the First Commandment tell us to adore?

Under what form is our Lord in the tabernacle? When are bread and wine changed into our Lord's body and blood? Why do you genuflect every time you pass before the tabernacle? Whom do you adore then? How is our Lord present there? Who is our Lord?

Why do you genuflect when you are leaving the church? Whom are you adoring when you genuflect? Whom do you adore when you kneel in the church? Why do you adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament? Whom should we adore?

Which person of the Blessed Trinity lives in the Blessed Sacrament? Why does God the Son live in the Blessed Sacrament? How do you talk with God the Son in the tabernacle? When does God the Son listen to you from the tabernacle? Why do you like to visit our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament? How often will our Lord bless you from the tabernacle?

Why do you like to go to Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament? Whom do you see on the altar? What does our Lord look like during Benediction? When does our Lord take the form of bread? Who blesses you at Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament? Who holds up our Lord to bless you?

Do you know what you call the gold or silver stand that holds our Lord at Benediction? It is called the monstrance. The monstrance is blessed to hold our Lord at Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Why can our Lord in the Holy Eucharist live in all the churches at the same time? Where

is God? Which person of the Blessed Trinity is in the Blessed Sacrament?

On what day did our Lord give us the Holy Eucharist? When is Holy Thursday? Why is it called Holy Thursday? What did our Lord give us on that day? Why is the Blessed Sacrament exposed all day Holy Thursday? Why do good people like to visit the church on Holy Thursday? Why do we have a procession of the Blessed Sacrament on Holy Thursday?

The feast of our Lord's body and blood is called the feast of Corpus Christi. Corpus Christi means Christ's body. It comes on Thursday. But we generally keep the feast on the Sunday after. Then we have a procession of the Blessed Sacrament.

Now what is the feast of our Lord's body and blood called? What does Corpus Christi mean? Why do we have Forty Hours' Devotions? When do we honor the Blessed Sacrament more than ever? Why does everybody go to Holy Communion during Forty Hours' Devotion? For whom do they show their love when they go to Holy Communion? Why do good people like to visit the church during Forty Hours' Devotions? When is the Blessed Sacrament exposed? Whom do we adore then?

Why do many good people visit the church every day? Whom do they visit when they go to church? Why does our Lord live in the Blessed Sacrament? Why does our Lord want us to visit Him there? What will our Lord do for you every time you visit Him? How often will He bless you?

What do you do when you enter the church? What do you do every time you pass before the tabernacle? Why do you genuflect? Whom do you adore?

When the Blessed Sacrament is exposed you genuflect on both knees. You genuflect on both knees also if you pass before the altar after the Consecration of the Mass.

Now, when do you genuflect on both knees? How do you genuflect if you pass before the altar after the Consecration of the Mass? To whom do you pray when you are in the church? Where is our Lord present in the church?

Why do you think our Lord wants you to visit Him often? Why does He love you so much? Why do good people often go in for a little visit when they are passing the church? Why do many people go in the afternoon to pay a visit to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament? Why does that please our Lord?

Just think how much God loves us! God the Son comes to live in the Blessed Sacrament so that we can visit Him as often as we wish.

TEST QUESTIONS: 1. Where is the Holy Eucharist kept? 2. Who is really present in the Holy Eucharist? 3. Why does our Lord live in the Blessed Sacrament? 4. Whom do we adore in the Holy Eucharist?

THIRTY-SEVENTH LESSON

Holy Communion

We receive the body and blood of Christ in Holy Communion.

We receive the body and blood of Christ under the form of bread.

We must be free from sin when we receive Holy Communion.

It is good to go to Holy Communion every day.

How wonderful it is, children, that our Lord lives in the Blessed Sacrament. Just think, we can receive our Lord under the form of bread. Who changes bread and wine into our Lord's body and blood? When does the priest change bread and wine into our Lord's body and blood?

When did our Lord give us the Holy Eucharist? What does the Holy Eucharist do for our soul? What is the food of our soul in the Holy Eucharist? Who gave us our Lord's body and blood to be the food of our soul?

When do we receive the Holy Eucharist? What do you receive when you go to Holy Communion? What do we receive in the Holy

Eucharist? When do we receive our Lord's body and blood?

When did our Lord change bread and wine into His body and blood? Who were with our Lord at the Last Supper? Who gave the Apostles Holy Communion at the Last Supper? What did the Apostles receive in Holy Communion? When did they receive our Lord's body and blood?

Who gave the people Holy Communion just after our Lord went up to heaven? To whom did the Apostles give Holy Communion? Who give the people Holy Communion now?

When will you receive our Lord's body and blood? What will you receive when you make your first Holy Communion? What Sacrament will you receive then? What Sacrament will feed your soul? What is the food of your soul in the Holy Eucharist? What will make you grow in God's grace? What will the Holy Eucharist do for your soul?

What is a new life for your soul? What will make you grow in that new life? Who received Holy Communion from our Lord? Who gave the people Holy Communion after that? Who were the first priests of the Catholic Church? Who have always given Holy Communion to the people?

Why does our Lord give us His body and blood?

How does that show that He loves us? When will you really have our Lord in you? What will our Lord do for you when He comes to you? When will He give you more of God's grace?

Who were the first ever to receive Holy Communion? Who gave the Apostles Holy Communion? How did our Lord give the Apostles His body and blood? What did our Lord change into His body and blood?

To whom did our Lord give power to change bread and wine into our Lord's body and blood? When does the priest change bread and wine into our Lord's body and blood? Who gave the priest power to change bread and wine into our Lord's body and blood?

Where is the Blessed Sacrament kept? Under what form is the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle? What is that which looks like bread in the tabernacle? Under what form is our Lord in Holy Communion? What do you receive in Holy Communion? When do you receive our Lord's body and blood?

What do our Lord's body and blood look like in Holy Communion? What do our Lord's body and blood taste like in Holy Communion? Why can our Lord take any form He wishes? What can our Lord do? Why can our Lord do all things?

What form did our Lord have in Bethlehem? When did He have the form of a little baby? What form did our Lord have on the cross? How long has our Lord been God? When does God really come to you?

Why could our Lord take the form of bread? What did our Lord make? Who made the world? Who made all the people in the world? When do we really and truly have our Lord in us? What will our Lord give you when He comes to you? Why does our Lord come to us?

Why would you like to have taken the Infant Jesus in your arms? When will our Lord come to you now? What will be the happiest day of your life? Who will come to you on the day of your first Holy Communion? Why will the day of your first Holy Communion be the happiest day of your life?

Why will you thank our Lord after Holy Communion? When will you thank Him for coming to you? What will you say to our Lord after Holy Communion? How long do you think you ought to stay to thank our Lord after Holy Communion? Why should you stay and pray at least fifteen minutes after Holy Communion?

Yes, children, that is fine. Our Lord will be pleased if you stay at least fifteen minutes to pray

after Holy Communion. He will be pleased when you thank Him for coming to you.

When will our Lord be really and truly in you? How long do you think our Lord stays in you after Holy Communion? He stays in you about fifteen minutes. That is why you stay to pray at least fifteen minutes after Holy Communion.

Under what form will you receive our Lord's body and blood when you make your first Holy Communion? What will our Lord's body and blood look like then? What will our Lord's body and blood taste like?

What will the priest hold in his hand just before he gives you Holy Communion? When will he hold our Lord's body and blood before you? What will our Lord's body and blood look like then? Who will be really and truly in you after Holy Communion?

How long will our Lord stay in you after Holy Communion? Why do you think our Lord wants to come to you in Holy Communion? Why does He love you so much? What will our Lord give you when He comes to you?

What does God's grace do for your soul? What makes your soul holy? What makes your soul pleasing to God? When does God love your soul very much? Why does He love your

soul when you have divine grace? What makes your soul beautiful?

What is the only thing that can take God's grace away from the soul? What does mortal sin take away from the soul? How can anybody get God's grace again after he falls into mortal sin? What must he do if he wants God to forgive him? For what must he be sorry? What must he promise? Why must he go to Confession, too?

What kind of a soul do you think our Lord likes to come into? When is your soul holy and pure? What does God's grace do for your soul? What makes your soul holy and pure? Why must your soul be free from mortal sin when our Lord comes to you? Why do people often go to Confession before Holy Communion?

It would be a very great sin if anybody went to Holy Communion in mortal sin. It would be one of the worst things in the world; for our Lord wants to come into those souls alone that are pure and free from sin.

Why do good people pray so much before Holy Communion? How do they get ready to receive our Lord? Why is our Lord pleased when you pray before Holy Communion?

Why will you try to be very good before going

to Holy Communion? How will you prepare to receive our Lord? Why will you try to be neat and clean before you go to Holy Communion? Who is coming to you then? Why will you guard your eyes and pray all during Mass before going to Holy Communion?

Why will you not eat and drink anything from the midnight before you go to Holy Communion? For whom do you show respect when you do that? What does it mean to fast before Holy Communion?

How long will the Blessed Sacrament be in you after Holy Communion? What will you do while the Blessed Sacrament is in you? Why will you pray all the time?

What should anybody do if he forgets and eats or drinks something before Holy Communion? Why should he wait and go another day? What Church tells you to fast before Holy Communion?

How will you hold your hands when you go to Holy Communion? Why will you hold your hands folded? Why will you genuflect when you go to Holy Communion? Why will you not genuflect when you are coming back from Holy Communion? Where will you have the Blessed Sacrament then? How will you keep your eyes when you go to Holy Communion?

Take great patience to teach the children how to receive Holy Communion properly. Show them how to hold their hands joined piously. Show them how to kneel. Show them how to hold their heads up. Show them how to open their mouths. Show them how to hold their tongue flat and a little extended. Show them how to hold the card or Communion cloth.

What will you do all during Mass before Holy Communion? Why will you pray so well? What will you be getting ready for? What will you do after Holy Communion? Why will you thank our Lord? How long will you stay to pray?

What Sacrament feeds our soul? What is the food of our soul in the Holy Eucharist? When do our Lord's body and blood feed your soul? Why do you think many good people go so often to Holy Communion? What does Holy Communion do for their soul? What makes your soul grow in God's grace? When do we get more of God's grace?

How often is our Lord willing to come to people who are free from sin? How often can you go to Holy Communion? Why is it good to go to Holy Communion every day? When do people get very much of God's grace? Why does our Lord wish people to go to Holy Communion every day?

Of course, you know when people go to Holy Communion every day they don't have to go to Confession every day. They go to Confession about once a week. But if anybody falls into mortal sin he must go to Confession before he can go to Holy Communion.

Now, if some one asked you what you receive when you go to Holy Communion, what would you say? Under what form do you receive our Lord's body and blood in Holy Communion? How long must you fast before going to Holy Communion? What must you not do after the midnight before? What does anybody do if he forgets and eats or drinks something before Holy Communion?

From what must you be free when you go to Holy Communion? How must your soul be when our Lord comes to you? What makes your soul holy and pure? What do you do all during Mass before Holy Communion?

What do you do after Holy Communion? How long will the Blessed Sacrament be in you after Holy Communion? How often can you go to Holy Communion if you wish? Who is really and truly in you when you go to Holy Communion? Why will our Lord come to you in Holy Communion? What will be the happiest day of your life?

Yes, children, the day of your first Holy Communion will be the happiest day of your life. On that day our Lord will come to you. Our Lord will be really and truly in you. He will love you more than ever then. Thank God every day of your life for giving you the Holy Eucharist. It is truly the Sacrament of God's love.

TEST QUESTIONS: 1. When do we receive the body and blood of Christ? 2. Under what form do we receive the body and blood of Christ? 3. From what must we be free when we receive Holy Communion? 4. How often is it good to go to Holy Communion?

THIRTY-EIGHTH LESSON

The Sacrament of Penance

The Sacrament of Penance takes away our sins.
The priest takes away our sins in the Sacrament of Penance.
We must tell our sins to the priest in Confession.
We must be sorry for our sins.

You look bright and cheerful to-day, children. We are going to talk about another great Sacrament to-day.

What kind of people are happy? What do you have to do to be good? How do you know what God wants you to do? Who sent the Catholic Church to teach you?

When do we receive God's grace? Why do we need God's grace? What does God's grace do for your soul? What makes your soul holy and pleasing to God? What is a new life for your soul?

When did you first get this new life for your soul? What did Baptism give you? When did you become children of God? What makes you friends of God? What makes God love your soul?

What is the only thing that can take away God's grace from the soul? What does mortal sin take away from the soul? Where do people go if they die in mortal sin? What sin makes the soul ugly? What did mortal sin do to the bad angels? What did it turn them into? Where did it send them?

Who gave us the seven Sacraments? What do the Sacraments give us? What Sacrament took away original sin from your soul? What do people lose that fall into sin after they have been baptized? What takes God's grace away from the soul? What will the Sacrament of Penance take away from the soul?

Just see how much God loves us! He gave us the Sacrament of Baptism to take away original sin. Then He gave us the Sacrament of Penance; so if anybody falls into sin, he can have his sins taken away again.

What does mortal sin take away from the soul? What Sacrament gives back God's grace to the soul? What does the Sacrament of Penance give back to the soul? When do people lose God's grace? How can they get God's grace back again? What does the Sacrament of Penance do for them?

How many sins do you think the Sacrament

of Penance can take away? What Sacrament will take away mortal sins from the soul? What Sacrament will take away venial sins, too?

Who gave us the Sacrament of Penance? Why does our Lord want to take away our sins? Why does our Lord want us to go to heaven? Why does He wish to have us with Him in heaven?

Who were the first priests of the Catholic Church? Who made the Apostles priests? Who took original sin away from your soul? When did the priest take original sin away from your soul? Who baptized the people just after our Lord went up to heaven?

Who will give you Holy Communion? Who says Mass? Who sent the priest to take care of your soul? Who will give you the Sacrament of Penance? What does the priest take away from our soul when he gives us the Sacrament of Penance? What sins will he take away from our soul?

Who gave the people the Sacrament of Penance just after our Lord went up to heaven? What did the Apostles take from their souls when they gave them the Sacrament of Penance? Who gave the Apostles power to forgive sins?

Who made the Apostles priests? Who gives the priest power to forgive sins? When does

the priest forgive sins? What does he do for our soul when he gives us the Sacrament of Penance? Why could our Lord forgive sins? Which person of the Blessed Trinity is our Lord?

Why can our Lord give the priest power to forgive sins? Who is our Lord? Why does our Lord want to take away our sins? To whom does our Lord give the power to forgive sins? Who is the only one that can say Mass? Who can give you Holy Communion?

What did the priest say when he baptized you? When the priest gives you the Sacrament of Penance he says: "I forgive thee thy sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

In whose name did the priest baptize you? What sin did the priest take away from you when he baptized you? What sins does he take away when he baptizes grown people?

What sins does the priest take away when he gives us the Sacrament of Penance? What Sacrament takes away all our sins? In whose name does the priest forgive sins in the Sacrament of Penance? When does he forgive sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost? Who gave the priest power to forgive sins?

Who sent the priest to forgive your sins? Who were the first priests that our Lord sent? How does the priest know our sins? When do we tell our sins to the priest? What do we tell when we go to Confession?

How many sins do we have to tell the priest in Confession? When do we have to tell the priest all our sins? Who wants us to tell our sins to the priest? What kind of a sin would it be to keep back a mortal sin in Confession? What would anybody have to do if he kept back a mortal sin in Confession? Why would he have to go to Confession again? Why would he have to tell all his sins over again? Why would he have to tell that he lied in Confession, too?

Why will you always be glad to tell all your sins in Confession? When do we make a good Confession? When does any one make a bad Confession? What kind of a sin would it be to keep back a mortal sin in Confession?

Do you know why the priest always keeps our sins secret? It is because God wants him to. The priest would be willing to die to keep our sins secret. That is why we are always ready to tell our sins to the priest in Confession.

Who gave us the Sacrament of Penance? When will the priest forgive your sins? Who gives the

priest power to forgive sins? How does the priest know our sins? What sins must we tell in Confession?

When does anybody commit a mortal sin in Confession? What kind of Confession does he make if he keeps back a mortal sin in Confession? Why do we have to tell how many times we committed each sin? What would anybody say if he didn't say his morning prayers for a week? Why would he say? — I missed my morning prayers seven times.

What would anybody say if he didn't say his evening prayers for three days? Why would he say? — I missed my evening prayers three times. What would anybody say if he cursed two times yesterday and two times the day before? Why would he say? — I cursed four times.

What would anybody say if he swore once a day for five days? Would he say? — I swore five times. What would anybody say if he neglected Mass last Sunday and the Sunday before? Why would he say? — I missed Mass on Sunday twice. What would he say if he missed Mass on Christmas and New Year's? Why would he say? — I missed Mass on two Holy Days.

What would anybody say if he didn't obey his parents five times? Why would he say? — I dis-

obeyed my parents five times. What would anybody say if he had talked back to his parents three times? Would he say? — I talked back to my parents three times.

What would anybody say if he had been fighting four times? Why would he say? — I was fighting four times. What would anybody say if he had been quarreling ten times? Why would he say? — I was quarreling ten times.

What would anybody say if he had been thinking about bad things two times? Why would he say? — I was thinking about bad things two times. What would anybody say if he had said bad words seven times? What would anybody say if he had listened to bad talk six times?

What would anybody say if he had looked at bad things eight times? What would anybody say if he had looked at bad pictures five times? What would anybody say if he had done bad things once?

What would anybody say if he had stolen something? Why would he have to tell what he took? If he had taken fifty cents what would he say? What would he have to do if he stole something? What would he have to give back? What would he say if he stole somebody's book? What would he have to do with the book?

What would anybody have to say if he told lies ten times? What would he say if he told lies about others three times? What would he have to do if he told lies about others? Why would he have to go and say that he told lies about others? Why would he have to go and recall the lies?

What would he have to do if he got angry with others and wouldn't speak to them? Why would he have to go and make up with them? What would anybody have to say if he wished for bad things? What would anybody have to say if he was jealous because others had better things than he had? What would anybody say if he laughed and talked in church once?

What would anybody have to do if he forgot to tell a mortal sin in Confession? Why would he have to tell it the next time? Of course, you know it is not a sin if anybody forgets to tell a sin. But it is a very great mortal sin if anybody keeps back a mortal sin in Confession.

What should you try to think about before Confession? Why do you think you ought to try to find out all your sins? Yes, you kneel and pray. You ask God the Holy Ghost to help you find out all your sins. That means to examine your conscience.

Now, what do you do before going to Confession?

What do you try to find out? To whom do you pray? What does it mean to examine your conscience? What does it mean to pray and try to find out all your sins?

When you are going to Confession, you go into the confessional. You have your hands joined nicely. There is a little step in there for you to kneel on. You kneel there and wait until the priest opens the slide, then you say: "Bless me, father, for I have sinned."

Now, can you tell me what you do when you go to Confession? What do you do when you enter the confessional? How long do you wait? What do you say as soon as the priest opens the slide?

In preparing the children for their first Confession, it is well to take them to the confessional. Show them the place to kneel; show them the slide; show them how to turn their face when talking so that the priest can hear them. It is well also to show them how to modulate the voice when talking to the priest.

When you have said: "Bless me, father, for I have sinned" then you tell the priest how long it is since your last Confession.

Now, if you had been to Confession the week before, what would you say? If you had been to Confession two weeks before, what would you

say? If you had been to Confession one month before, what would you say?

After that you say: "I said my penance and went to Holy Communion." Of course, if anybody forgets to say his penance, he must tell the priest.

After that you tell the priest all your sins. Be sure to turn your face to the priest and speak so that he can hear you. But be careful to speak in a low voice. Say everything clearly so that the priest can understand you.

When you have told the priest all the sins you can call to mind, you say: "For these and all the other sins that I cannot remember, I am heartily sorry; and I ask penance and absolution from you, father."

The children should be made familiar with this form or another that the pastor may prefer.

When you have said that, you listen to what the priest says. If he asks you questions, you try to answer them clearly. Then the priest will give you a penance to do. He may give you some prayers to say. He may tell you to say the Our Father and the Hail Mary five times. He may tell you to say the Rosary. He may tell you to say the Stations of the Cross. Whatever he tells you to do, you will do it soon after Confession.

Now, what do you say when the priest opens the slide? What do you tell the priest after you have said?—"Bless me, father, for I have sinned." After you have told the priest the time of your last Confession, what do you tell him? How do you turn your face when you are talking to the priest? What sins do you tell the priest? What do you say when you have told all your sins? What do you ask the priest to give you? When will you say your penance?

After the priest gives you your penance you say the Act of Contrition. Say the Act of Contrition now. *Teach the children well the Act of Contrition. Select the Act of Contrition that the pastor recommends.*

What are you telling God when you say the Act of Contrition? When do you tell God that you are sorry for your sins? Why do you wish that you had never committed any sins? What do you wish when you are sorry for your sins?

When do people disobey God? What did the bad angels do? What did Adam and Eve do? Why does God love you very much? From whom do people turn when they commit mortal sin? Where does mortal sin send people? Why do you hate mortal sin? What do you hate when you are sorry for your sins? Why are you sorry

for all your sins? Whom does venial sin displease?

What does mortal sin take away from the soul? Where do people go if they die in mortal sin? How long will they suffer in hell? What is the worst thing in the world?

What Sacrament takes away our sins? When you are really sorry for your sins, what do you promise God? What will you try hard to keep from after Confession? For what do people have to be sorry if they want their sins forgiven? What do they promise when they are sorry for their sins?

Why did our Lord give us the Sacrament of Penance? Who takes away our sins in the Sacrament of Penance? Who gave the priest power to forgive sins? How does the priest know our sins?

What sins do we have to tell the priest in Confession? How must we feel about our sins to have them taken away? What must we promise? Why do we say the Act of Contrition? What shows that we are sorry for our sins? Why are we sorry for our sins? Whom do even venial sins displease?

Why do people go to Confession before Holy Communion? From what must they be free when our Lord comes? Why will you go to

Confession before Confirmation? Just see how much God loves us! He gives us the Sacrament of Penance so that we can get to heaven. Thank God every day because He gave us the Sacrament of Penance.

TEST QUESTIONS: 1. What Sacrament takes away our sins? 2. Who takes away our sins in the Sacrament of Penance? 3. What must we tell the priest in Confession? 4. For what must we be sorry?

THIRTY-NINTH LESSON

The Sacraments of Extreme Unction, Holy Orders, and Matrimony

Extreme Unction is the Sacrament for the dying.
The priest gives Extreme Unction.
Holy Orders is the Sacrament which makes men priests.
Matrimony is the Sacrament by which people are married.

You have talked about several Sacraments, children. Shall we talk about the other Sacraments to-day? But tell me first, who gave us the seven Sacraments? What do the Sacraments give us? Why do we need God's grace? When did you first receive God's grace? What did Baptism take away from your soul? When were you born again? What is a new life for your soul? What Sacrament will make you strong in faith? Who will confirm you? When will you receive the Holy Ghost?

What Sacrament feeds our soul? What is the food of our soul in the Holy Eucharist? How do our Lord's body and blood come into the Holy Eucharist? What Sacrament makes us grow in

God's grace? When does the priest change bread and wine into our Lord's body and blood? Who was the first ever to change bread and wine into our Lord's body and blood? Who gave the priest power to change bread and wine into our Lord's body and blood?

What Sacrament takes away our sins? Who forgives sins in the Sacrament of Penance? Who gave the priest power to forgive sins?

You see, children, our Lord gave us Sacraments for our whole life. He wants us to have more and more of God's grace all our life. Tell me now about some of the sick people you have seen.

What does God want you to do for the sick people? Why does He want you to help them? Why does He want you to visit them? Who are happy when they are dying? To whom do we pray for a happy death? Who were with St. Joseph when he died?

Our Lord gave us the Sacrament of Extreme Unction to make us strong when we are dying. Extreme Unction gives us more of God's grace so that we can be happy when we are dying.

Now, what is the Sacrament for the dying? What does Extreme Unction do for sick people? What does it give them? Of course, you know people don't always die when they

receive Extreme Unction. Sometimes Extreme Unction makes them well again.

What Sacrament do people receive when they are very sick? What Sacrament do people receive when they are badly hurt? What Sacrament makes people happy when they are dying? What does Extreme Unction give us? What Sacrament sometimes makes sick people well?

Now, if some one were very sick, whom would you call to him? Why would you call the priest? What Sacrament would the priest give the sick person?

Yes, that is right, children. When anybody is very sick, call the priest. Call him in good time. He will come and give Extreme Unction to the sick person. Why do we all hope to have the priest when we are dying? What Sacrament do we wish to receive when we are dying?

When the priest gives Extreme Unction, he anoints the sick person with holy oil. He anoints his eyes, his ears, his nostrils, his mouth, his hands, and his feet. While he is anointing him he asks God to forgive the sick person his sins.

When the priest anoints the eyes, he asks God to forgive the sick person all the sins he has committed with his eyes. What kinds of things does God want us to look at? When do people

commit sin with their eyes? What do they commit when they look at bad things?

When the priest anoints the ears, he asks God to forgive the sick person the sins he has committed by hearing. When do people sin by hearing? What is it when they listen to bad things?

When the priest anoints the nostrils, he asks God to forgive the sick person all his sins of smell. That means the sin of thinking about bad things. When the priest anoints the mouth, he asks God to forgive the sick person the sins of taste and talking. When do people sin by taste? What is it when they eat too much? When do they sin by talking? Whom do they disobey when they say bad things?

When the priest anoints the feet, he asks God to forgive the sins the sick person has committed by walking. Whom do people disobey when they go with bad company?

Now, could you tell anybody how the priest gives Extreme Unction? What does he do with holy oil? What does he say when he anoints the eyes? When do people sin with their eyes? What does he say when he anoints the ears? When do people sin with their ears? What does the priest say when he anoints the nostrils?

What does he say when he anoints the mouth? When do people sin with their mouth? What does he say when he anoints the hands? When do people sin with their hands? What does he say when he anoints the feet? When do people sin by walking?

You know the priest gives people three Sacraments when they are dying. He gives the Sacrament of Penance, and the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, and the Sacrament of Extreme Unction. They are called the Last Sacraments.

What does the Sacrament of Penance do for them? What does the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist do for them? What does the Sacrament of Extreme Unction give them? What does it do for them?

Now, could you tell anybody what three Sacraments the priest gives the people when they are dying? What are these three Sacraments called? What three Sacraments are called the Last Sacraments? When do you call the priest to people? What do you do as soon as they are very sick?

Do you know how you should prepare for the priest when he is coming to give the Last Sacraments? I will tell you. Of course, the sick room should be neat and tidy. Then you should have a stand or table with a white cover on it. On the

table there should be a crucifix and a blessed candle. Besides, there should be a glass of drinking water and a teaspoon. Then there should be some holy water.

Now, if some one were very sick at your house what would you do? When would you call the priest? How would you prepare for the priest? How would you make the sick room look? How would you cover the stand or table? What would you have on the table?

That is right, children. Then, when you would see the priest coming you would light the blessed candle. What will the priest have with him when he comes? Why will he bring the Blessed Sacrament? Why will everybody kneel down as soon as the priest comes to the door? Whom will you all adore? Who is bringing our Lord into your house?

Why will you drop on your knees as soon as you open the door for the priest? Whom will you be adoring then? Why will you stay on your knees while the priest goes in to hear the sick person's Confession? When will you pray to our Lord for the sick person?

After the priest hears the sick person's Confession, then you go in and kneel while he is giving Holy Communion and Extreme Unction. What

will you do while you are kneeling there? For whom will you pray? What do you do when people are dying? When do you say the prayers for the dying?

Yes, children, all kneel around the bed. There are prayers in the Prayer Book for the dying. Say these. Say the Litanies. Say the Rosary. Pray much for the person who is dying. All pray together. One leads in prayer and the others answer him.

Now, what do you all do when anybody is dying? Where do you find the prayers for the dying? What other prayers can you say? Do you know what Holy Communion is called when it is given to the dying? It is called Holy Viaticum. That means food for the journey. The Holy Eucharist is food for the journey to heaven. That is why it is called the Holy Viaticum.

Now, what is Holy Communion for the dying called? When is Holy Communion called Holy Viaticum? Sick people do not have to fast before they receive Holy Viaticum. They may take medicine, and food, and drink. Why do you stay and pray with the sick person after he has received Holy Viaticum? Why do you thank our Lord then?

Now, if some one asked you what Sacrament our

Lord gave for the dying, what would you say? Who gives Extreme Unction to sick people? What other Sacraments does the priest give the sick people? What are these three Sacraments called? What three Sacraments are called the Last Sacraments?

How does the priest give Extreme Unction? How does he anoint the sick person? What does he say while he is anointing the sick person? When do you call the priest? How do you prepare the sick room? What do you get ready?

What do you do when the priest comes? Why do you kneel? Whom are you adoring? What is Holy Communion for the dying called? Why is it called Holy Viaticum? What is it food for?

Who were the first priests of the Catholic Church? Who made the Apostles priests? Do you know what Sacrament our Lord gave the Apostles when He made them priests? It was the Sacrament of Holy Orders. The Sacrament of Holy Orders makes men priests.

Who said Mass after our Lord went up to heaven? Who gave the people Holy Communion then? Who heard people's confession then? What Sacrament made the Apostles priests?

Who gave the Apostles the Sacrament of Holy Orders? What Sacrament makes men priests?

Who ordains priests now? Whom does the bishop ordain? What Sacrament does the bishop give when he ordains priests?

What does the Sacrament of Holy Orders give priests? What Sacrament gives priests God's grace? What Sacrament gives priests power to say Mass? What Sacrament gives priests power to forgive sins? In what Sacrament does the priest forgive sins?

Why do you honor the priest so much? Who sent him to take care of your soul? Who baptized you? Who will give you Holy Communion? Who will forgive your sins? Who will give you the Last Sacraments when you are dying? What Sacraments will the priest give you when you are dying?

Why do you call the priest father? Who takes care of your soul like a father? Why do good men and boys lift their hat when they meet a priest? Why do they respect him so much? Who teaches us what our Lord and the Apostles taught?

In whose name does the priest teach us? Who teaches us in our Lord's name?

Why does our Lord want you to respect the priest so much? For whom does the priest take care of your soul? What can you do for the priest? How often can you pray for him? Who

is pleased when you pray for the priest? How often does the priest pray for you? Who says Mass for you every day?

Why will you pray for the priest when he gives you Holy Communion? Why will you pray for the priest when he is saying Mass for you? When will you ask God to bless the priest every day?

What Sacrament makes men priests? Who ordains priests? Whom do priests obey? Whom do bishops obey? Why do you obey the priest? Who sent the priest to teach you? What does the priest teach? Who wants you to do what the priest tells you? Where does the priest help you to go when you die?

Who gave you your father and mother? Why did God give you your father and mother? Who take care of you at home? How long will they be your father and mother?

What Sacrament did your father and mother receive when they got married? When did they receive the Sacrament of Matrimony? What did the Sacrament of Matrimony give your father and mother? What Sacrament gave them more of God's grace? What Sacrament helps your father and mother love each other more than ever? What Sacrament helps your father and mother take care of you?

When people receive the Sacrament of Matrimony how long will they be married? How long does God want them to live together? Who wants them to live together until they die? When can the wife get married again? What can she do if her husband dies? When can the husband get married again? Before whom must Catholics be married? What Church teaches them that? Who sent the Catholic Church to teach us?

Why do they get married at Mass? What Church tells them to do that? Who blesses them at Mass? What Sacrament do they receive before they get married? Why do they receive the Sacrament of Penance? From what must they be free when they receive the Sacrament of Matrimony?

What Sacrament do they receive during Mass when they are getting married? When do they receive the Holy Eucharist? Now, if somebody asked you what Sacrament people receive when they get married, what would you say? How long will they be married then? Why do they have to go to the priest to get married? What Church tells them that?

Why do they go to Confession before they get married? Why do they get married at Mass? Why do they go to Holy Communion when they

get married? Whom do they receive when they go to Holy Communion?

Thank God, children, for all the Sacraments. You see how God gives you His grace in the Sacraments all your life. That is because God loves you so much. The Sacraments show how much God loves us.

TEST QUESTIONS: 1. What is the Sacrament for the dying? 2. Who gives Extreme Unction? 3. What Sacrament makes men priests? 4. What is the Sacrament by which people are married?

FORTIETH LESSON

Judgment

Our Lord will judge us when we die.
Our Lord will judge the whole world on the last day.
The wicked will go to hell.
Good people will go to heaven.

Now, children, we have come to the last lesson. How happy you are to know so much about our holy Faith!

How long will we live in this world? How many of us will die some day? What does our Lord want us to do here on this earth? How do we show that we love God? What does it show when we serve God? What Church tells us how to serve God?

Who sent the Catholic Church to teach us? How do we know that the Catholic Church always teaches the truth? Who keeps the truth in the Catholic Church?

Who are happy in this world? Who are happy when they are dying? Who do you think will

tell us whether we are good or bad when we die? When will our Lord judge us? Yes, when we die our Lord will judge us. He will judge us to show whether we are good or bad. Our Lord knows all that we do all our life. So just as soon as we die our Lord judges us.

Now, how many of us will die some day? What will our Lord do as soon as we die? Why will our Lord judge us? What does our Lord know about our life? Who knows every time we have done good? Who knows every time we have said our prayers? Who knows every time you obey your parents? Who knows every time you go to Mass?

What will make you happy when our Lord judges you? How will you feel to think that you have done good all your life? Why will you be glad that you believed all that the Catholic Church teaches?

Why will you be glad that you always went to Mass on Sundays and Holy Days? Why will you be happy because you have gone to Holy Communion often? Who will be very happy when our Lord judges them? How will bad people feel when our Lord judges them? What will they be sorry for? For whom will it be terrible when our Lord judges them?

When do we get ready so that we will be happy when our Lord judges us? For what are we getting ready all our life? What do we do so that we will be ready to be judged?

When will we all have our bodies alive again? Who will bring our bodies back to life? How long will we live after that? Just think, children, all the people that ever lived will come back to life on the last day. They will all have their bodies alive again. Then, do you know what our Lord will do? He will judge them all together. Now, what will happen on the last day? Who will come back to life? What will our Lord do then?

Yes, our Lord will judge them all together. The whole world will be there. Our Lord will judge all the people that ever lived. He will show who is good and who is bad. All the people will see how good God is. They will all know who is good and who is bad.

Who will be there when our Lord judges us on the last day? What will they all know about God? What will they know about everybody? Who do you think will be miserable on the last day? Who will be very much ashamed? How many people will know how bad they are? How will the good people feel on the last day? Why will they be so happy?

Who are the wicked? Who are those who don't do what God wants them to do? Whose fault is it if they are wicked? How many people does God help to be good?

What made the bad angels bad? Why did they refuse to obey God? Why do some people refuse to serve God? Whom do proud people often refuse to obey?

What do you think our Lord will say to bad people on the last day? He will say to them: "Leave me forever, you wicked ones, and go into the fire of hell and stay there with the devils forever." Just think how terrible that will be! What will our Lord say to the wicked? Where will they have to go? With whom will they have to stay in hell?

What will they have to suffer in hell? How long will their bodies burn, too? How long will they suffer in hell? What is the only thing that can send people to hell? What kind of sin sends people to hell? Why do you hate mortal sin?

What Sacrament can take away mortal sin from the soul? Who forgives sins in the Sacrament of Penance? What do people have to do to have their sins forgiven in the Sacrament of Penance? What sins do they have to tell in Confession?

How must they feel about their sins? What must they promise?

What kind of sin takes God's grace away from the soul? Where do people go if they die without God's grace? What Sacrament gives back God's grace to the soul?

What should the bad people have done before they died? When would God have forgiven them? Whom did God send to teach them? What would the Catholic Church have taught them? How could they have received God's grace?

How could they have received a new life for their soul? How could they have become children of God? What would Baptism have done for their soul? What Sacrament would have made them strong in faith? When would they have received the Holy Ghost?

What Sacrament would have made them grow in God's grace? What would have been the food of their soul? What should they have done when they were dying? Whom should they have called? What Sacrament would the priest have given them? What would the Sacrament of Penance have done for them? What would the Holy Eucharist have done for them? What would Extreme Unction have done for them?

How long will they have to suffer in hell? With whom will they be in hell?

Why did God make us? Why does God want us to go to heaven? What must we do to get to heaven? Who teaches us what God wants us to do? Who keeps the truth in the Catholic Church?

Why must we be baptized? What does Baptism make us? When did you first receive God's grace? What is a new life for your soul? Why do we need God's grace? What did God's grace do for your soul?

What Sacrament makes people strong in faith? What Sacrament gives us the Holy Ghost? What Sacrament makes us grow in God's grace? What did God's grace do for your soul?

What Sacrament makes people strong in faith? What Sacrament gives us the Holy Ghost? What Sacrament makes us grow in God's grace? What is the food of our soul in the Holy Eucharist?

How do people get God's grace back when they fall into sin? What do they have to do when they receive the Sacrament of Penance? To whom do they have to tell their sins?

What do good people do when they are dying? What does the priest do for them? What Sacraments does the priest give them? What do you

do for people when they are dying? Who are happy when they are dying? To whom do we pray for a happy death? What happens as soon as they die? Why does our Lord judge them? Who are happy when our Lord judges them?

When will our Lord judge all the people in the world together? How many people will be there on the last day? How can people that are dead be there? What do you think our Lord will say to the good people on the last day? He will say: "Come, you blessed of my Father, come with Me to heaven; come and be happy with Me forever." Just think how happy we will be then, children! We will go with God to be happy forever and forever.

Now, what will our Lord say to the good people on the last day? Where will our Lord take them? What will we have in heaven? With whom will we be in heaven?

When will we see how good and how wonderful God is? When will we have our bodies again? When will our bodies be very beautiful? When will we always be young and healthy? When will we all love one another very much? Who will love us in heaven? How long will we love God?

Yes, children, heaven will be filled with great joy and glory. We will be there with God and the

angels for all eternity. God will make us very, very happy and we shall live in His love forever.

TEST QUESTIONS: 1. Who will judge us when we die? 2. When will our Lord judge the whole world? 3. Where will the wicked go? 4. Where will good people go?

APPENDIX

Picture Study

Children love pictures; they have a method all their own of studying them. Their imagination is generally at work while they are looking at pictures, and by the magic of phantasy they become part of them. They talk with the personages represented there and hear their imaginary words. These childish habits must be utilized to advantage by the teacher, especially in the teaching of religion, where pictures play such an important part.

It is well to establish first the fundamental ideas. Such questions as the following help to bring out the thought of the child: *Where do pictures come from? Do you like to draw pictures? How did people learn to make beautiful pictures like these? How long do you think they had to study to learn to do such beautiful work? Who gave them power to make such wonderful pictures? Why do you think they chose to paint religious things?*

Children are eager to tell why they like beautiful pictures. They are easily introduced to the ideals of the masters. Have them relate the thoughts they have when looking at pictures. It suffices for the beginning to make them realize that the thought produced is of prime importance. To effect this they can be asked about well-known pictures. For instance, what do they think when they see a picture of our Lord healing the sick, preaching to the people, the Blessed Virgin holding the Divine Infant in her arms. Thus, too, they can be questioned concerning nonreligious pictures which they may know, or pictures that hang on the walls, pictures at home, pictures they have seen in museums and elsewhere. The purpose of this procedure is to engender in them elementary appreciation of art. To induce them to recall the thoughts called forth by pictures they have seen is to develop in them the power to reflect upon the beautiful, to cultivate in them a taste for the artistic.

In dealing with the masterpieces represented in the "First Course," three general points should be touched upon. They should learn something about the artist; they should consider the beauty of the picture, and they should discover the ideal of the artist. All this is intended to give the

children a love for the beautiful; but here the illustrations bear upon the religious truth contained in the lessons. To consider this relation is the prime object of picture study.

The illustrations in the text are intended to produce thought on the part of the children. They should furnish topics for conversation in the corresponding lessons of the Manual. Every detail of the pictures will have a meaning for the little ones; if these are mentioned during the course of the lesson it signifies thought on their part.

Frontispiece. Christ and the Little Children. Carlo Vogel, born in Berlin, 1816.

This picture is intended to adorn the whole volume; it makes beautiful the little book which contains the truths of religion. This can be elicited from the children in response to such questions as: *Why is there such a beautiful picture on the front page of this book?* When they are interested in the picture, have them tell you what they find in the picture. *How does it make our Lord look? How does it make the little children look? Why did He make them look so happy? How would you have felt if you had been one of them? Which one of the children has the best place with our Lord? Where would you like to have been if you*

had been there? How does the little one feel who is coming with his mother? Why is he glad, too?

Lesson 1. God Is Our Father.

The illustration here represents a mother caressing her child at its bedside. It is intended to make the children reflect upon mother love. This underlying thought can be developed so as to embrace all the tender relations of mother and child. By the questioning method the children will readily tell us that God gives us our mothers, puts love in their hearts for us. Lead them to reflect that mothers are happy when their children are good and obedient. Then these ideas should be linked with the thought of the corresponding lesson in the Manual.

Lesson 2. God Takes Care of Us.

This picture is intended to suggest to the minds of the children the great truth that the animals were created for our benefit. It will also suffice to turn their thoughts to the earth and the sun of which the lesson treats. Induce the children to talk about the picture in their own way. The little girl feeding the ducks and the chickens will bring to their minds pets they may have at home. The calf will furnish a subject for reflection on the

growth of animals; it will some day grow to be a cow and will give milk from which we make many things: butter, cheese, etc. In it all they should be led to reflect upon God's loving care for us.

Lesson 3. God Is the Maker of All Things.

The picture represents the sea and the sky at night. Here are depicted the moon and the stars shining above the sea; beneath are shown fishes. These are the topics of the lesson to be discussed. Always have them tell what they see in the picture, then what it makes them think about. The picture should always suggest some of their past experiences. Then it should lead to the consideration of divine Providence.

Lesson 4. Christ and St. Peter. John George Schwartz, born in Holland, 1815.

This picture represents Christ walking upon the waters of Lake Genesareth in Palestine. The story of this occurrence will interest the children. One dark night the twelve Apostles were out on the lake in a boat. As they rowed along they saw a figure coming toward them on the water. They thought it was a ghost and they were frightened. But it was our Lord. He knew

they were frightened, so He called out: "It is I; do not be afraid." But even then they were not quite sure; so St. Peter called out: "If it is You, give me power to walk to You on the water." Our Lord then told St. Peter to come to Him. St. Peter started to walk on the water; but when he had gone a little way he began to doubt. No sooner did he begin to doubt than he began to sink, and he cried out: "Save me, O Lord!" At that moment our Lord lifted up His hand and kept him from sinking, telling him that he should trust more in Him. The ideas of the picture may be applied to the subject under discussion in the lesson.

Lesson 5. St. Peter's Church in Rome.

This picture represents St. Peter's Church in Rome. It is the greatest church in the world. The first church erected on this spot, which is called the Vatican Hill, was built by the Emperor Constantine in the fourth century (begun 323). This magnificent church was built about five hundred years ago. It is 694 feet long and 90 feet wide, but with the transepts 451 feet; it is adorned with many beautiful paintings and statues. St. Peter and St. Paul are buried in this church. Their tomb is under the great altar in the center

of the church. Many people go there every year to pray at the tomb of these two Apostles. There are statues of the twelve Apostles above the front of the church. Around the court before the church there is a great circle of immense columns. The Pope lives in the Vatican palace beside St. Peter's. On great occasions he says Mass in the church.

From the consideration of these details lead the children to reflect upon the Catholic Church. Apply the ideas from the lesson, associating them with the picture of the great basilica as far as possible. The building on the left is the sacristy; the obelisk which stands before the church is 836 feet high; on it is a cross which contains a relic of the true cross. This obelisk was brought from Egypt in the first century. The Vatican palace, not shown here, stands to the right of the basilica. The dome of the church is the grandest dome in the world; its pinnacle is 400 feet high. In the colonnade there are 248 columns, each about six feet in diameter; on the colonnade are 162 statues of saints.

Lesson 6. Sermon on the Mount. Alexander Bida, born in France, 1813.

This picture is intended to suggest to the children the teaching of Christ. They have here

visualized the fact of Christ's coming from heaven to tell us many things about God. They will readily comment upon the details of the picture — Christ pointing toward heaven; the people all attentive. The teacher might lead them to inquire what the sermon was about; then it might be well to read the Sermon on the Mount to them from St. Matt., chs. 5 and 6.

Lesson 7. Guardian Angel. Bernard Plockhorst, born in Germany, 1825.

Have the children tell you, as always, what they see in the picture. If necessary, ask them questions: *What are the little boy and the little girl doing? Why do they love to gather flowers? Where do the beautiful flowers come from? Why did God give us the beautiful flowers? What danger are these children in? What is the angel doing? Who sent the angel to watch over them? Why did God send angels to watch over us? What are these angels called?* Have them tell you about the figures in the picture and why they like them. Turn their attention to the clouds, the trees, the flowers, the rock, and all the other details of the picture. This will develop their perceptive powers and help them to appreciate the beauty of art.

Lesson 8. The Christian Martyrs. J. L. Gérôme, born in France, 1824.

This is a scene in the Roman amphitheater in which the pagans are putting the Christians to death. The children will associate it with the narrative on the martyrs given in the Manual. From this they will realize better what it means to die for the Faith. On the other hand they will understand the malice of the diabolical temptations which prompted these pagans to be so cruel. They can be led to picture to themselves this vast Roman arena filled with 80,000 or 100,000 spectators. The amphitheater still stands, but partly in ruins.

Lesson 9. Heaven.

Induce the little ones to talk about the picture. It is intended to represent the joy of children at play; this is the point of contact for the consideration of heaven. From the happiness which they know they are led to reflect upon the eternal joys which God has prepared for us. Have them recount the details of the picture and comment upon them. The little one carrying the flowers will interest them. Then there are the butterflies they have seen. Have them notice the frocks of the little ones, the pocket, the necktie, the little

hood, the curls of the little girl. Utilize all to turn their thoughts to the love of God.

Lesson 10. Jacob's Dream. Bartolomé Murillo, born in Spain, 1617.

The picture represents Jacob's dream. It is an interesting narrative taken from the Bible (Genesis, 28). Jacob was the son of Isaac and Rebecca. He had obtained his brother's birthright by deceiving his father. Fearing his brother's anger he fled into another country. One night, weary from the journey, he lay down on the ground to sleep, taking a stone for a pillow. That night he dreamed that he saw reaching from earth to heaven a great ladder on which many angels were passing up and down. In his dream God promised to bless him and his people. When Jacob awoke he called the place Bethel, which means house of God. Utilize the children's interest in the picture to turn their minds to the happiness of heaven. The angels, the ladder will perhaps excite them to ask questions. Of course angels do not need ladders — have them recall the powers of the angels. Nor could any ladder reach to heaven; hence this was not a real ladder, but the apparition in Jacob's dream.

Lesson 11. Revolt of Hell against Heaven. Antoine Wiertz, born in Belgium, 1806.

This picture depicts the struggle described in the Apocalypse (12, 7–9): "And there was a great battle in heaven, Michael and his angels fought with the dragon, and the dragon fought, and his angels, etc." It is the struggle of the good angels with the bad angels. The children will acquire an idea of the confusion that sin produces. The picture will help them to realize the expulsion of the disobedient angels from heaven.

Lesson 12. Moses Going Down from Mount Sinai. Gustave Doré, born in France, 1833.

This picture represents Moses returning from the mountain with the stone tablets containing the Ten Commandments. Moses wears the usual long beard; above his head are depicted two rays of light — "Moses knew not that his face was horned" (Exodus, 34, 29). Thus these rays of light are described. Below, the people are waiting for Moses. The details of this picture will serve to recall much of the corresponding lesson in the Manual.

Lesson 13. The First Commandment.

This picture is intended to turn the minds of the children to prayer. It can be used to stimulate devotion in them. They should be asked to tell

what the boy is doing, to whom he is talking. The picture of the Blessed Virgin on the wall will serve to lead them to talk on prayer to the Blessed Virgin and the saints. They should be induced to comment on the manner of holding his hands. They can thus be led to reflect upon proper postures for prayer.

Lesson 14. Christ Disputing with the Doctors. Henry Hofmann, born in Germany, 1824.

It represents the boy Jesus in the Temple disputing with the doctors of the law (St. Luke, 2, 42–52). Tell the story to the children when they have studied the details of the picture. Some parts of the story may need explanation. "They came a day's journey" and then sought Him. It is explained by some writers that, in those journeys, the children of the party walked together; this would explain, perhaps, why the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph did not miss the blessed boy all day. The "doctors" were men versed in the law; it was customary for the people to ask them questions about the law. Hence it was not strange when the blessed boy came to talk with them. However, it was divine inspiration that impelled Him to go there as He did; His answer indicates this: "Did you not

know I must be about my Father's business?" He was obedient to the will of God the Father both in what He did and in the manner of doing it. From the consideration of this picture it will be easy to lead the children to reflect upon the Christ Child obedient to His blessed Mother and St. Joseph at Nazareth.

Lesson 15. The Third Commandment.

This picture will help the children to recall the whole teaching of the lesson. As they point out the details of the picture they will think about the ideas that have been proposed to them. The church is the house of God. There they go on Sundays and Holy Days to Mass. The boy carries his prayer book in his hand. The children look happy — good children are happy. Have them tell what thoughts the picture suggests to them. They will have little experiences to relate; perhaps some of them have been to a little country church. They may compare this little church with a large city church. They may be asked what those children will do when they enter the church — genuflect, kneel, the boys take off their hats, some of them go to Holy Communion, noting that perhaps the little girl has not yet made her First Communion.

Lesson 16. The Fourth Commandment. H. Sinkel.

To what is the child pointing? Why is he pointing to IV? Why should children think most of the Fourth Commandment? For whom was the Fourth Commandment given? The picture will suggest each question.

Lesson 17. Good Samaritan. K. Siemenroth.

It represents the good Samaritan taking care of the man who had been wounded by robbers (St. Luke, 10, 30–37). In the left background is shown the Jewish priest who "passed by." The children will be touched by the pitiful condition of the wounded man. They will tell about cases of wounded people that have come within their experience. After considering the picture they should be filled with admiration for the good Samaritan and with a desire to emulate his charity. The teacher should have this in mind when telling the story and eliciting comment on the picture.

Lesson 18. Samuel. Joshua Reynolds, born in England, 1723.

It represents the boy Samuel praying in the Temple. Anna, the mother of Samuel, had, before his birth, promised to give him to the service

of God (1 Kings, 1, 2, 3). When he was yet a mere child she took him to the Temple and gave him over to the priest Heli, who was then an old man. One night the boy was awakened from sleep by the calling of his name. He answered quickly: "Here am I" and hurried to Heli to ask what he wished; but the old man said he had not called him. He went back again to sleep and again he heard "Samuel, Samuel" called. This happened a third time also; each time he went to Heli and asked what he wanted. Then Heli, knowing that it was God who called the boy, told him that if he were called again, to say: "Speak, Lord; for thy servant heareth." This he did when he was called the fourth time. Then God spoke to him and told him that He would make him His priest. God chose Samuel because he was pure and good.

Lesson 19. The Seventh Commandment.

This picture represents a poor mother with her two children. The boy is bringing a basket of provisions to them. There are here details which will interest the children. Perhaps the little girl has no shoes to wear. This may be drawn from them by inducing them to tell what they note about the little girl — they will see the patch on her dress. Perhaps the baby is sick. The poor

woman tries to be happy; see the little potted flower; see the contented look on her face. Perhaps her husband is dead; then these are two little orphans. Thoughts like these can be engendered in the minds of the children by inducing them to tell you what they think about the persons represented here. Ask them: *What is the boy thinking about? Why is he helping the poor woman and her children? Where did he get the things he is bringing? Why do you think he is happy?*

Lesson 20. Christ Before Pilate. Mihály Munkácsy (Michael Lieb), born in Hungary, 1844.

Here Christ is represented as standing before the Roman governor, Pilate, while the Scribes and Pharisees are accusing Him falsely (St. Matt., 27; St. Mark, 15; St. Luke, 23). The children will talk much about this picture.

Lesson 21. The Tenth Commandment.

This picture is intended to represent contentment. The two children are playing happily before the little cabin heedless of the beautiful residence that stands in the background. Lead the children to talk about the things that contribute to true joy and happiness. Have them talk about the boy's patched clothes, the little

one playing with the kitten, and all the details of the picture.

Lesson 22. St. Michael and the Devil. Guido Reni, born in Italy, 1575.

It represents the Archangel Michael conquering the devil. By proper direction of their thought the children will arrive at the consideration of the contrast between the archangel and the devil. They will realize that it was sin that transformed the angels into devils. This can be applied to the teaching of the lesson: mórtal sin sends people to hell.

Lesson 23. Adam and Eve Driven from Eden. Gustave Doré, born in France, 1833.

It represents Adam and Eve being driven from the Garden of Eden after they fell into sin. The children should be led to comment upon what Adam and Eve must have felt on this occasion. It might be well to read for the children the third chapter of Genesis in which are related the fall of Adam and Eve and their banishment from Eden. Lead the children to think upon that time.

Lesson 24. The Adoration of the Shepherds. Henry Le Rolle, born in France, 1851.

Here we see the Blessed Mother holding her Divine Infant in her arms; St. Joseph is near by.

They are in the stable; an ass stands there. The poor shepherds have come to adore our newborn Saviour. The children will tell what they would have done had they been there.

Lesson 25. Madonna and Child. Francesco Correggio, born in Italy, 1650.

The great painters used to paint the picture of the Blessed Virgin with the Divine Infant more than any other subject. This is one of the most beautiful Madonnas. The picture will suggest many thoughts from the lesson to the children: how the Blessed Mother sang for Him to put Him to sleep; how she bathed Him and fed Him and cared for Him when He was a little baby.

Lesson 26. Christ on Calvary. Mihály Munkácsy (Michael Lieb), born in Hungary, 1844.

This picture is a vivid representation of the Crucifixion. It is filled with action. The children should be led to point out the Blessed Virgin kneeling at the foot of the cross, St. John standing at the right, the soldier, the good thief. They should be made familiar with the Gospel narration of the Crucifixion (St. Matt., 27; St. Mark, 15; St. Luke, 23). The picture should then serve to recall these facts to them; it should bring to

their minds the ideas they have formed from the lesson.

Lesson 27. Purgatory.

Here two children are represented at the grave of their parents: the boy is praying, the girl has brought flowers. This scene will serve to remind the children of our duty to pray for the dead; to show love for our parents even after they are dead. When the question is proposed to them, they will decide that it is better to pray for the dead than to bring flowers; that, however, it shows love also to place flowers on the grave. While they are studying this picture they may also review the teaching on death — the body alone dies; it is a going home to our heavenly Father. We pray especially to St. Joseph for a happy death.

Lesson 28. Easter Morning. Henry Hofmann, born in Germany, 1824.

This picture by Hofmann represents Christ risen with Mary Magdalen crying beside the tomb. Mary Magdalen had come there early on the third day. When she found the tomb empty she thought that they had taken our Lord's body away. When she saw Christ coming

she thought He was the gardener and asked Him where they had taken Christ; but when our Lord spoke she recognized Him. Two other holy women were there also and they went to tell the Apostles what had happened (St. Matt., 28; St. Mark, 16; St. Luke, 24). The tomb was hewn in the solid rock; a great stone had enclosed it. This can be shown in the picture. Magdalen sits on the stone. The story of Magdalen may also be told (St. Matt., 26, 6–13; St. Luke, 7, 37–48).

Lesson 29. The Coming of the Holy Ghost.

This picture represents the dove, the symbol of the Holy Ghost. At Christ's baptism, the Holy Ghost appeared in the form of a dove. At the same time God the Father said: "This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased" (St. Matt., 3, 16–17). Utilize the picture to turn the thoughts of the children to the matter of the lesson.

Lesson 30. Christ Giving the Keys to Peter. Perugino, born in Italy, 1446.

This picture depicts the scene described in the Gospel (St. Matt., 16, 13–20), when Christ asked the Apostles what they thought of Him. It should impel the children to talk about our Lord and the

Apostles. They should become interested in the Apostles; they should understand that the key is the symbol of power and authority.

Lesson 31. The Seven Sacraments. Rogier Van Der Weyden, born in Belgium, 1400.

This picture is intended to associate the Sacraments with the Church. It illustrates the administration of all the Sacraments.

Lesson 32. Baptism of St. Francis. De Rohden.

This representation of Baptism may be used to make the children reflect upon their own Baptism. The ideas which they learn in the lesson are here depicted.

Lesson 33. The Descent of the Holy Ghost. Luca Signorelli, born in Italy, 1441.

It represents the descent of the Holy Ghost upon the Apostles. The picture will suggest much of the lesson-content. The narrative might be read from Acts 1, 12 and 2, 1–4.

Lesson 34. Last Supper. Leonardo Da Vinci, born in Italy, 1452.

It can be easily applied to the teaching of the lesson. The details are familiar.

Lesson 35. The Mass.

This picture can be treated somewhat similar to that which accompanies Lesson 15.

Lesson 36. Christ and His Disciples at Emmaus. Carl Müller, born in Germany, 1834.

The narrative of Christ and the two disciples might be read to the children (St. Luke, 24, 13–36). On this occasion, after His resurrection, Christ again changed bread and wine into His body and blood; it is called the "breaking of bread." The ideas of the picture will readily harmonize with the teaching of the lesson.

Lesson 37. Holy Communion.

This picture represents a First Communion scene in France. The children will note the foreign aspect of dress and surroundings; yet they will feel that First Communion in foreign lands has the same significance as here. This thought should be developed. They might be led to imagine First Communion in many lands.

Lesson 38. Jesus in Gethsemane. Henry Hofmann, born in Germany, 1824.

The narrative of our Blessed Lord's prayer and bloody sweat in the garden of Gethsemane is

graphically given in the Gospel (St. Matt., 26, 36 ff.). Christ's sadness should be presented to the children as sorrow for the sins of the world. It is an example to teach us to be sorry for our sins.

Lesson 39. Christ Healing a Child. Gabriel Max, born in Germany, 1840.

This picture can be used to impress upon the children the three Sacraments under discussion. Christ represents Holy Orders; the mother, Matrimony; and the illness of the child, Extreme Unction.

Lesson 40. Last Judgment. Michael Angelo, born in Italy, 1475.

This picture of the Last Judgment is painted above the altar on the wall of the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican.

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